



Conservation Group for the Prestwood Region  
Including Great Missenden, the Hampdens,  
the Kingshills, North Dean and Speen



## Minutes

### Prestwood Nature AGM 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013

**Council Members:** Fiona Waller (in the Chair), Sylvia Bennett, Chris Lee, John Obee, Vanessa Rickett, Jenny Smith, Lesley Stoner, Ian Waller.

Around forty members were also in attendance.

**1 Minutes of Meeting of November 2012** The minutes which had been circulated with the notice of the meeting were considered. Lesley Stoner proposed and David Page seconded that the minutes be approved. This was accepted unanimously.

**2 Matters arising** There were no matters arising.

**3 Chairman's Address** The chairman Fiona Waller referred back to the Five Year Plan developed and introduced at last year's AGM.

The council members felt that increased membership and publicity were integral to the other developments.

There had been a PN presence at the Big Lunch and this had produced new members, and a rain-dampened 10 year celebration in the Gazebo at Sheepwash and the Greenlands orchard and wildlife garden site had promoted interest.

Jeanette and Ted Hedley were thanked for opening their garden and this had been well attended.

Flyers are to be designed with a view to wide distribution in the spring of 2014. Anyone interested in helping with this marketing exercise should contact a council member.

Sarah and Souhil Benammour were thanked for establishing and hosting the PN website. Frank Rickett is taking over this role in future.

Val Marshall was thanked for editing the newsletter. A full colour printed edition had been circulated but the meeting was split as to whether it should be published on paper or on line.

Thanks also to the Great Missenden Revitalisation Committee had funded further wooden equipment (a table and 2<sup>nd</sup> bench) for Boug's meadow. This had been built by 'Straight from the Woods'

Other thanks went to Tony Marshall and other project leaders, Val Obee for her help with refreshments and the whole council for its work and support

The 2013-14 activities programme would continue to offer the requested informative meetings such as wild flower, glow-worm and bird walks, and a fungus foray.

The conservation work will also continue in the existing sites. Project leaders are required for the Wild-life Garden and for Angling Spring Wood - the council will be pleased to hear from volunteers for these roles, and support and guidance will be given.

**4 Accounts 2012-13** Chris Lee the Treasurer had prepared the accounts. These were circulated at the meeting and had been seen and agreed by the Examiner, Ian Mead. The Chairman asked that the accounts be accepted and adopted. This was proposed by Tony Marshall seconded by David Page and carried by the meeting unanimously.

**5 Re-election of Council Members** Three council members had served three years, and were willing to be re-elected.

**Vanessa Rickett** as Membership Secretary was proposed by Sylvia Bennett, seconded by Chris Lee and carried by the meeting unanimously.

**Jenny Smith** was proposed by Chris Jolly, seconded by Tony Marshall and carried by the meeting unanimously.

**Sylvia Bennett** was proposed by Chris Lee, seconded by David Cann and carried by the meeting unanimously.

**6 Election of Ordinary Council Members** Ian Waller had reached the end of his six years as a member of Council and was thanked for his past service. Vacancies had arisen on the Council and two nominations had been received from the members present.

**Kieran Sweeney** was proposed by Jeanette Hedley, seconded by Barbara Rowett and carried by the meeting unanimously.

**Julie Hopton** was proposed by Tony Marshall, seconded by Jenny Smith and carried by the meeting unanimously.

**7 Re-nomination of the Examiner of Accounts Ian Mead's** re-nomination was proposed by David Cann, seconded by John Obee and carried by the meeting.

#### **8 AOB**

There was no AOB.

After the break for refreshments, there followed a presentation by John Shaw of Chiltern Rangers. This provided information about the newly developed not-for-profit Community Interest Company which has replaced the Wycombe Rangers, and the work of the new organisation in supporting community groups and natural habitats and wild life throughout the Chilterns.

**The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service** will be held in 2014 by David Page for his habitat work in the Parish churchyard and his invaluable support in printing and collating PN News and PN AGM papers.