

Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall
Wednesday 19th March 2014
Cherry Hinton Village Centre, Colville Road, Cherry Hinton

Attendance

In attendance were David Taylor, Sandra Day, Emily Poyser, Judy Webb and 10 others
Apologies from Stuart Newbold, Ian Simmons

1. Chairs Welcome and thanks

Welcome to those in attendance, in Stuart's absence Emily will be taking the minutes for the meeting. Welcome to new member Roger.

2. Minutes & Matters Arising

Minutes agreed as accurate.

- Petrol strimmer has now been purchased through grant gained from Cambridge Council. The one that was bought didn't require the users to attend a course, ample for what it's required for. More waders will be purchased and safety equipment. Cost of strimmer £247.
- In answer to a question, it was confirmed that FCHH take part in maintaining the grounds due to lack of funds at council. Insurance has been bought so 'Friends' can take on the various works needed at the hall and grounds. Mainly concentrating on wildlife areas and keeping areas tidy. Guy Belcher from council is the Wildlife Officer and can offer advice where required. 'Friends' liaise with council

3. SPEAKER DID NOT TURN UP

4. Maintenance Issues

- A new path near the playground into Walpole Road was discovered and hoggin path dug up which links to Dawes Lane
- Children's play area equipment is going to be replaced from 1st April. Keen for sensory items to be added and play area expanded.
- Dog signs are going up to remind people which areas dogs are not welcome in
- Master-plan – new allocation of funds which will be explained further at next meeting
- Ken Woollard bench now being assessed and hope for something to be ready for Folk Festival. £2500 raised so far and a plaque will be on the bench. £500 cost to install bench.

5. Meetings & Events

- Recent Community Action Day saw a woodpile being constructed
- Festival of Fur and Feathers – 21st June being held in the grounds. Animal related stalls, charged £25 + raffle prize per stall. Funds raised from Dog Show donated to local Turbo Trust. £95 hire fee and insurance required, so grant to be sought from council to cover these costs. Raffle prize money donated to FCHH. CH Lions will be putting up the dog show rings, in return will run a refreshments van. Aim to get 20+ stalls. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
- Calendar – some photos received, Emily requested more be emailed as people are able to.

6. AOB

- Folk Festival

Council are franchising out all events.

Agreed that a meeting would take place before the next 'Friends' meeting with the council to put forward any views and ideas

During Fold Festival dedicated wildlife officer will be one site. Grass still hasn't grown back since white lines were washed away – to be reported to council again. Last year £14k was required to put the grounds back to how they were after the Folk Festival and damage caused by the rain.

- Phase 2 of the master-plan to see improvements at in the grounds
- Awaiting key for main gate – suggested a key-box with a code could be available for those who should have access to it
- Long-term the buildings within the yard area should become a museum or education centre, agreed that as they are this is not a useful source of space
- Hall usage survey to be carried out once weather better – and also as more people will then use grounds – problem with people parking in the hall car-park but not using the grounds
- Friends of Coleridge Rec attended the meeting tonight – a new local group seeking advice and support from FCHH.

Next Meeting – Wednesday 21st May 2014