

**Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>h</sup> June 2015 - AGM**  
**Cherry Hinton Leisure Centre, Colville Road, Cherry Hinton**

**Attendance**

In attendance were David Taylor, Sandra Day, Emily Poyser, Judy Webb, Stuart Newbold & Ian Simmons + local members

**1. Chairs Welcome and Apologies**

Welcome to those in attendance, welcome to David Albacari - our speaker

**2. Minutes & Matters Arising**

Minutes agreed as accurate.

Matters Arising;

The Ken Woollard Bench that was unveiled at the 50<sup>th</sup> Folk Festival in 2014 has received positive feedback, and its felt it reflects the festival.

Ian and the committee appreciate how much David Taylor liaises with the Cambridge Council and their representatives, on behalf of the committee and local residents.

**3. Election of the Committee 2015/2016**

Chair	David Taylor
Secretary	Stuart Newbold
Minute Secretary	Emily Poyser
Treasurer	Ian Simmons
Historical Officer	Michelle Bullivant
Publicity & Events Officer	Sandra Day
Membership Secretary	Sandra Day
Website Editor	Emily Poyser
Principal Liaison Officer, City Council	Stuart Newbold
General Committee	Judy Webb
General Committee	Mark Ashton
General Committee	Robert Dryden

**4. New Website**

Emily reported that the website was going well, and gave a quick demonstration of key pages.

Photos are welcomed of the hall and grounds, so this can go into a gallery

**5. Treasurers Report**

Ian reported a healthy financial position, due to gaining grants.

Grant received from the City Council of £736 that has helped to pay for insurance and hiring the hall for events, such as Community Action Days.

Grant guidelines are now tighter and only £30k has been granted across the city for local projects.

## **6. Master-Plan**

Anthony French has provided a copy of the recent reports and highlights the recommendations below;

- New toilets & cafe by play-area
- Dredging and enlarging the island
- Paved area by lakes and kiosk
- Landscaping works (including rose gardens and improving trees)

The consultant overseeing the report identified some major stakeholders to consult with to put together the plans within the Master Plan and so far £75k has been spent.

Section 106 agreement has allowed for further contributions with £400k in total ear-marked for works on the hall and grounds in Cherry Hinton.

The plan will be put to committee in the Autumn, if approved, some works could be started as early as Winter 2015.

Stuart reported that at the Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook there was a presentation about the lakes and stated that the plan was to open up areas for walking once a full health & safety assessment was carried out, and also noting the wildlife.

Stuart also reported that 12 deflector screens had been added to the brook to make the flow faster and this had proved to be effective, with the next stretch being targeted under the wyre towards Daws Lane, if funding allows.

FCCH and FCHB would like to form working partnerships, particularly at Community Action Days where joint projects could help with areas of the grounds and brook.

## **7. Membership**

Sandra reported that memberships have dipped financially, due to many people signing up for lifetime or 5 and 10 year memberships, so monies received in a lump sum.

## **8. Pets in the Park – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2015**

As the meeting was the same week as the event, Sandra gave a final plea for helpers and highlighted the number of stalls already accepted.

## **9. Folk Festival**

Volunteers required to assist at folk festival to man the stall for the Friends, time-slots of 2 hours at a time are available.

## **10. Guest Speaker – David Albacari – Cam-Drone Aerial Photography**

David gave a wonderful and interesting talk about the Camera Drones and his hobby across Cambridge, with some interesting photos being shown on his Facebook page of the local area. David recently used to drone to take some aerial shots over Cherry Hinton, using the Recreation Ground as a point of 'taking off' and using the drone to take photos.

David explained that using GPS, the drone is linked to his phone, and a remote controller is used (like a remote controlled car or helicopter) to send the drone into the air and take photos.

When questioned, David explained that at present licences aren't required to use a drone for a hobby, but there are guidelines – for example at the demonstration later at the hall & grounds, contact was made with Marshalls to ensure they were happy with the drone being used so close to the airport. David went on to explain that common sense is important, so he wouldn't fly the drone in areas such as within and airport; on a beach,; or close to houses as privacy and safety are important.

Some of the committee then joined David at the hall, to see how the drone works and try and get some aerial shots, due to rainfall and the weather only a short demonstration took place, but it delighted those that were present.