

**Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall Minutes, 7.30 pm, Wednesday, 16 September 2015**  
Cherry Hinton Village Leisure Centre, Colville Road, Cherry Hinton

*Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall is a group that is concerned about the usage, environment, welfare and future of the Cherry Hinton Hall grounds for the benefit of those who use it*

14 people were in attendance at the Village Leisure Centre.

1. Welcome

David Taylor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

As only minutes of the AGM were available, the minutes of the previous Ordinary General Meeting were not agreed.

3. Public Guided Tours of Cherry Hinton Lakes

Stuart reported that the City Council is offering guided walks around the former cement pits along Coldham's Lane, to hear about proposals to allow public access for quiet recreation around this attractive and wildlife rich site. The tours have been scheduled for Thursday, 24 September, from 2.30 – 4.00 p.m.; Tuesday, 29 September, from 12.30 – 2.00 p.m.; and Saturday, 3 October, from 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m. To register an interest either email [park@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:park@cambridge.gov.uk) or telephone (01223) 458520.

4. Events, Activities and Post-Festival

David reported that the Folk Festival had gone ahead in good, dry weather this year, and that damage to the grounds was minimal. A really important measure is that no traffic is now allowed onsite from the Thursday to the Sunday. This seems to be helping protect the grounds. FCHH again had a stall. Sadly there had been problems allowing volunteers to enter the camping area to help man the stall. This was unfortunate as the response from City Council Security Officers had upset those genuinely trying to help and who were denied access. The FCHH stall had been located on the path in front of the Hall. Some extra lighting or other safety measures are needed in future to warn of the nearby wooden ramp sitting over some cables as this was particularly unsafe.

Sandra Day reported that she had attended the post-Festival walk about with Anthony French. A drain not replaced properly near the hard-stand had been pointed out to Anthony. Anthony has indicated that an area of grass where there was quite a lot of spillage will be re-seeded. Meanwhile the Pets in the Park day on Saturday, 20 June, was disappointing as the weather was truly awful.

## 5. Masterplan Delivery Update

Stuart reported that he had been in touch with Anthony and the money allocated to the Masterplan development is on a 'hold' list which Anthony to bring it forward again on the basis of priorities set out in Phil Back's report. Once this is approved then Anthony will commence timetabling the works. There shouldn't be any need for further formal consultations. However, the specifics/details of each element of expenditure will probably be reviewed as the Master Plan is delivered. Some work will be suited to undertake in the winter months and Anthony will schedule this accordingly. FCHH will be kept informed as/when anything happens.

Stuart also reported that Clare Rankin, City Council Cycling Officer is keen to install permanent cycle racks shortly as a result of good feedback on the temporary one used in 2014. Proposed locations are close to front entrance, Daws Lane gate entrance, near the lake and also the toilet block.

## 6. Speaker: David Taylor: 'The Lancaster Bomber'

Yet again David produced a tour-de-force, following on from his 2014 'Women in Aviation' talk. Also brought along were lots of Lancaster memorabilia, books, and old parts and equipment. The slide show started right at the beginning of the Avro story with a photo from 1872. The family and company history was detailed including aircraft and key personnel including chief designer Roy Chadwick. There was of course a lot of details of the War years, and we were taken right up to date with the recent commemorative flights with the only two flying Lancasters seen side-by-side earlier in the summer. An interesting photo was the very last one from David, from the 1947 Battle of Britain Display, demonstrating just how reliable the Lancaster was: The aircraft was pictured flying at a height of just ten feet...and with only one of the four engines being used!

## 7. Events

- **Community Action Day**

We will hold a joint 'Community Action Day' with the Friends of Cherry Hinton Brook and Guy Belcher to help clear Giant's Grave on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please meet opposite the Robin Hood at 10.00 a.m.

## 8. Next Meeting

The next meeting 7.30 pm, Wednesday, 18 November, at Cherry Hinton Village Leisure Centre. The guest will be Anthony French to provide a more thorough update in person. Please remember to bring a raffle prize.