**Friends of Cherry Hinton Hall**

**Wednesday 15th March 2017**

**Cherry Hinton Village Church Centre, Colville Road, Cherry Hinton**

**Attendance**

In attendance from the committee were David Taylor, Stuart Newbold, Sandra Day, Emily Poyser, Nigel & Gill Hislop + local members

1. **Chairs Welcome and thanks**

David Taylor welcomed the local members and Guy Belcher and Kenny McGregor for attending

1. **Minutes & Matters Arising**

Minutes agreed as accurate.

1. **Guest Speakers – Guy Belcher and Kenny McGregor from Cambridge City Council**

Lake Restoration

Guy updated the group with news about the Masterplan project. Contractors due to attend this month to remove silt and top-up silt around the bank where required – this offers good wildlife habitat and by keeping the silt on site this is cheaper than being disposed elsewhere.

Aquatic plants to also be delivered and put in place once the removable of silt has taken place.

Guy states the works should be completed by mid-Summer.

Woodland

Kenny discussed restoring the woodland area and explained Honeyfungus is causing some problems, especially for Ash trees.

Woodland Management would be taking place to remove some of the trees (diseased or damaged), this allows more light into the woodland and allows for new trees to be planted. A tree survey is to take place that takes 3 weeks and within 2 seasons the woodland should be more established.

Fallen logs are to be kept where possible, as this provides good wildlife and play areas.

Mulch to be placed around tress to keep out moisture and frost.

Some oaks are going yellow due to compacted ground which removes air from underneath. Kenny suggested an idea where air is pumped underground to encourage root growth.

Trees that are used by woodpeckers will likely be kept, if sage, as the holes provide useful homes for small birds and bats.

Kenny was asked to check the beech trees in the carpark as the roots are causing problems

Brook on Forest Road

Once a year this is drained and cleared by staff as it builds up of rubbish and plants