

Meeting of the Friends of Granville Country Park on the 15th May 2019 at the White Horse, Wrockwardine Wood

Present: Maureen Leavey, Malcolm Dawes, Jim Cox, David Lombard, Gordon Fonton and Michael Ward.

Apologies: Carolyn Jones.

Points

1. The bid for the Cockshutt to be declared a Nature Reserve is still ongoing.
2. We have asked for a price for plastic stick-on Heritage Trail markers.
3. The water problem on the concrete road has re-occurred. At a site meeting with Adrian Corney it was agreed that a survey would be taken to establish levels for a ditch but there would probably not be the money to dig it. The Friends agreed; if the levels were taken, they could probably reinstate that old ditch and dig a new one.
4. Adrian also said that he would get spraying the loading ramps of the furnaces sprayed with weed killer to assist the Friends.
5. Quad bikes are riding off-trail in the Western Stockpile, gaining entrance through a broken fence above the car park entrance.
6. The Bridle path fencing has been repaired, by contractors, from Waxhill to Muxton Bridge, but rotten top rails are being left in place.
7. We have been informed that the steps on the Freehold pit mound down to Marshbrook Way will be replaced by SWT.
8. We have also been informed that the steps from Marshbrook Way to the top of the Muxton Bridge pit mound will be replaced via Donnington and Muxton Parish Council.
9. Fencing round the western stockpile is down again.
10. The information board at the Winding House has been designed and ordered. It is due for delivery on the 6th June.
11. Kay Grice and Adrian Corney are the TWC officers who are jointly responsible for the Granville.
12. Iverde, the organisation now responsible for grounds maintenance, are proposing to hold an event in Granville Country Park over the May half-term. It will be a wildlife activity day, with spotting sheets, bug hunts etc. The proposed date is Friday 31st of May, 11am to 1pm.
13. We need your help flyers (see below) have been put on notice boards in St Georges and Priorslee.
14. A new channel has been dug from the stream to the canal basin to divert part of the flow directly into the basin to try and prevent it drying out and also stop the mortar being washed out of the back wall of the basin.
15. There have been complaints about horses riders (particularly Mr Khan) using the footpath instead of the bridle path on the exit from the park at Marshbrook Way. The footpath is getting churned up and covered with horse droppings. The signage also appears to have been vandalised.
16. A walk-about round the Bowl area (on the day after the meeting) we found that one land rover and the burnt out car near Waxhill had been removed but there were two further land rovers (one burnt out and one minus engine) in the Bowl area and a burnt out car (upside down) opposite the canal basin.
17. Various members of the Friends have been on training courses run by SWT on:-

- (a) First Aid
- (b) Group Leadership.

Date of Next Meeting

The White Horse, Wednesday 14th August at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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**FRIENDS OF GRANVILLE COUNTRY PARK
WE NEED YOUR HELP**

Do you enjoy being outside in the fresh air? Are you interested in nature or helping to preserve part of our local industrial heritage? Would you like some exercise? If you have answered yes to all of these questions, then come along and join **THE FRIENDS OF GRANVILLE COUNTRY PARK**.

Granville Country Park is situated adjacent to Asda, Donnington, accessed along Granville Road. We are a small group of volunteers who meet fortnightly on Thursdays to work in the park. Some of our work includes, removing fallen trees, cutting back brambles, clearing the canal basin, reducing the height of hedges, clearing paths and vegetation from around buildings remaining from the industrial history in the park. We continue to research the history of the area.

If you would like to learn more about Granville Country Park or join us, please take a look at our website or contact us via friendsofgranvillecountrypark.com or 01952 293750