

Minutes of the Seven Fields Conservation Group Meeting held at the Pinetrees Community Centre on 1st April 2026 at 5pm

Attendees:

Bill King (Chair) Maureen Adsley (Secretary) Ellen Baker-Walker (Minutes) Mary Southgate (New member) Roy Worman (Deputy Liaison HWPC) Neil Pullen (Wiltshire Wildlife) Sue Deedigan (Wiltshire Wildlife) Jason Watts (Facilities Manager HWPC) Stanka Wilson (SBC)

Item 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Park and Phil Jeffries

We welcomed Mary Southgate as a new member of the group.

Item 2 Previous Minutes

These were accepted into the records

Item 3 News from our partners

We discussed the need to carry out further guided walks and Neil confirmed that there will be bat walks again this year.

Sue suggested that we contact VAS to bring them on board and help us arrange volunteers where needed. **Action: Ellen**

Bill has been talking to Eden Speller about umbrella cover for all volunteering. Bill will continue this contact. **Action: Bill**

Roy reiterated our need to stay in close contact with all interested councils going forward. We all agreed that good communication is key and we do all we can to make sure that all interested parties are kept informed.

Sue, Ellen and Maureen have agreed to get together to discuss a way forward with the Adult Wellbeing Programme. Ellen will arrange a meeting. **Action: Ellen**

Neil suggested that we talk to the Swindon Forest Meadow group and let them know what we need. Maureen has agreed to do a

walk with them to see what works need to be carried out. **Action: Maureen**

We all agreed that we need to arrange a full assessment of the fields as this hasn't been done for some time.

We have already updated our constitution, but this has not yet been published. Ellen will distribute the changed document for group approval before we publish. **Action: Ellen**

Item 4 Penhill Peoples Forum

We have received a request from the Penhill People's forum to report our actions to them. We will prepare a report for each PPF meeting. **Action: Maureen and Ellen**

Item 5 King Bridge

Bill will be meeting with SBC, the contractors and HWPC. Jason offered to attend and this was accepted. Bill is currently looking at the plans and the contract and will report back to us all via email. **Action: Bill**

Item 6 Volunteering

Bill will continue dialogue with Eden and Maureen to liaise with Swindon Forest Meadows.

Stanka will get provide a contact name for VAS and Ellen will liaise with them.

Maureen, Ellen and Sue to meet and discuss Adult Wellbeing Walks and how we can get volunteers on board. **Action: Bill, Ellen Maureen, Stanka and Sue.**

Item 7 Illegal vehicles

With the milder weather, there have been a couple of incidents of illegal vehicles in the fields. This is concerning because of the damage it can cause. Whilst this has been an issue for many years. It is one that we need to continue to highlight.

Bill has talked the police who said that the culprits need to be caught in the act.

Where possible we need to encourage people to report all such incidents. More reports will flag to the police that this is a problem.

We agreed that we could ask the police to use drones at certain times and areas.

Bill will write to the police with our concerns. **Action: Bill**

Item 8 Networking

We need to ensure that we increase the profile and benefits of the fields.

There may be some Councillor changes after the May elections and we would respectfully request that CSNPC, HWPC and SBC provide us with liaison officers, should this occur.

Ellen asked that she attend the next Penhill People's Forum Meeting to meet with the community and keep them appraised, as well as looking to member to strengthen our group. **Action: Ellen**

Item 9 Works Required

As in item 3, we will arrange a full assessment of the field and come up with a list of tasks that need to be completed.

King Bridge remains at the top of the list and Bill will keep us informed.

Item 10 Regular Meetings

We agreed that we need to schedule in regular meetings and publish them,

We would like to hold the meetings on a Wednesday in the middle of the month.

We discussed a venue and Jason and Roy said that they would ask HWPC if we could use the new grounds maintenance facility as a regular meeting place. **Action: Jason and Roy**

Ellen will come up with dates for the rest of the year, once we have a confirmed venue. **Action: Ellen**

Item 11 AOB

Roy reminded of the importance of good open communication with the Councils.

Stanka thanked the group for the opportunity to be the liaison for SBC and would like to continue this if re-elected. The group thanked Stanka for her help in ensuring that communications ran smoothly.

Jason brought us up to date on the mowing the paths and said that training is in progress for new staff. He also confirmed the delivery of wood chips for Park Run at Stour walk. The brambles around the Kissing Gate have been cut back. The group thanked him for this. Jason asked that we continue to report and encourage reporting of shopping trolleys and other fly tipping in the stream. Jason was also appreciative of the information from Maureen about the butterfly eggs.

Neil will arrange a bat walk. **Action: Neil**

Maureen will arrange a guided walk for Mary **Action: Maureen**

Bill and Maureen will meet to sort out the signatures for the Bank Account.

Next Meeting to be confirmed.

