

Minutes of the FoRGE AGM, April 7 2022 Zoom

Present: Josie Mahony, Valerie Chantry, Stan Sabin, Judith Perry, Nick Rabson, Naomi Northey, Barbara Wyatt, Julia Cooley, Dave Steele, Judy Steele

Apologies March Sanderson, Steve Randall

Activity report

Plant sale was successful – see finance report. Thanks to Naomi for providing the venue

Tree Planting

Tree Fostering - 13 foster homes have been offered. Thank you!

Talks

November - Ian Jelley of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on their 30by30 campaign to rewild 30% of gardens and public space by 2030. This was well attended,

March – Simon Durk of Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on Hedgehogs - particularly well attended with 30 present including a few young members of the community.

Footpath group

This official County Council group of volunteers is insured by the County and is provided with tools. Summer months were spent clearing vegetation overhanging paths. In the past few months a waymark post has been replaced and more than 25 damaged or worn discs which indicate the routes of footpaths have been replaced with vegetation cleared round stiles.

The group tries to keep in touch with the Parish Council, and both organisations managed after a long time to get a hedge cut back on the junction of the path that goes from Southam Road past the back of the school

A lot of work has started on trying to make a path official – Barbara Wyatt is co-ordinating this. Residents have been filling in evidence forms to say that they use the path, and more are needed. There is a big backlog of paths being processed, but it is good to have this on the system.

Newsletter

Two newsletters were put out – many thanks to the volunteers that deliver them and to the newsletter team – Dave, Julia and Nick – for putting them together. Costs of both printing and paper have increased. The previous budget price sourced in Germany has gone up, and the idea of the transport was not consistent with FoRGE's ethos so Warwick Printing have been used. We may need to ask for donations to keep the newsletter going.

Canal access

We are continuing to press this issue whenever we can. The current hold-up is while the County Council is waiting to hear about a Department of Transport grant which could provide us with £100,000. We are worried that the Parish Council will lose its £40,000 Section 106 money which they fought hard to get. Thanks to Dave Steele who continues the effort.

Parish council

We have attended and liaised with the Parish Council and collaborated on the Community Speed Watch. Stan Sabin, Parish Council Chairman, gave an update including their meetings on Traffic Management with WCC and their support of the 20s Plenty Warwickshire speed campaign.

Notice of Annual Parish Meeting Monday 25th April 8.30 pm following standard Council meeting

Assembly on Saturday 30th April 10.30 am - Community Hall Forum for residents to meet Councillors

Finance Report

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FoRGE documents available online: <http://bit.ly/forge-document>

Forge Financial Report to March 2022

Accounts 2020-21			Balance			
	Expenditure	Income				
	b/f from 2019-20		£1,019.01			
Expenditure	Printing	-£240.73	£778.28			
	Hall Hire		£778.28			
	Speaker's Fees	-£50.00	£728.28			
	Expenses		£728.28			
Income	Ad Sales		£30.00	£758.28	Ring fenced	
	Plants Sales & Donations		£1,057.43	£1,815.71 >>	for Canal Access	General Funds
	c/f to 2021-22		£1,815.71		£1,326.50	£489.21

Accounts 2021-22			Balance			
	Expenditure	Income				
	b/f from 2020-21		£1,815.71			
Expenditure	Printing	-£348.00	£1,467.71			
	Hall Hire	-£30.00	£1,437.71			
	Speaker's Fees	-£30.00	£1,407.71			
	Sundry Expenses	-£31.16	£1,376.55			
Income	Ad Sales		£60.00	£1,436.55	Ring fenced	
	Plants Sales & Donations		£801.45	£2,238.00 >>	for Canal Access	General Funds
	c/f to 2021-22		£2,238.00		£1,326.50	£911.50