

FRIENDS OF COMMON LANE ANNUAL MEETING 19TH OCTOBER 2018



1. WELCOME

2. APOLOGIES

3. ON THE LANE 2017-2018. Surfacing of the Lane is more or less finished, thanks to the Parish Council and Pete Cockrem. There remain some potential holes and boggy bits but the hot dry summer made any work unnecessary for now. There is money in the kitty for this when need arises. There have been no work parties, though enterprising individuals have been out to snip and saw. There have been no organised social activities either – sorry! However the Lane is as well used as ever and appreciated by local dog walkers, riders and visitors from West Dorset and beyond.

4. ACCOUNTS.

Finance - year ending 31 August 2018

| | 2016/2017 | 2017/2018 |
|-----------------------|-----------|---------------|
| INCOME | £ | £ |
| Balance b/f | 295.89 | 410.39 |
| Subscriptions | 232.50 | 389.00 |
| Donations/grants | 987.00 | 100.00 |
| Total | 1,515.39 | 899.39 |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Annual meeting | 20.00 | 45.00 |
| Printing | 75.00 | 88.00 |
| Grant for resurfacing | 1,010.00 | 0 |
| Total | 1,105.00 | 133.00 |
| BALANCE C/F | 410.39 | 766.39 |

The reserve in hand has been earmarked for general maintenance and any work done by the Parish Council topping up the surface.

From 1st September the 'new year' subs are coming in and the balance is now over £800.

5. MEMBERSHIP

Subscriptions, now £10 per annum, were due on 1st September. Standing orders are now in the bank but if you pay by cash/cheque each year please could I have your sub? We will discuss the shape of support in the future at the Annual Meeting.

(Cheques to 'Common Lane Project' can be left in the Halstock Community Room post rack.)

6. DATA PROTECTION

Friends of Common Lane Privacy Notice:

Care is taken to protect personal information and hold only the minimum necessary for the purpose of contacting members about meetings, about activities on the Lane and about ways to support the progress of improvements.

Personal data held is confined to names, addresses, telephone numbers and email addresses as well as a record of membership payments. Bank details are NOT held. All data are held on a secure database online. Computer entries are reviewed regularly and deleted if membership lapses. Any data on paper is burned when no longer needed.

No data is shared with any other organisation for any purpose.

To remove your details from the database please contact freda@fredahennessy.plus.com

7. FUTURE ACTION ON THE LANE

I think it is time for a radical rethink of the function of the Friends' aims and purpose. The Lane will always need protection, but much progress has been made. It had been suggested in the past that we should liaise with other groups to protect the green lanes. Why not liaise with the local rights of way activists to protect and enhance the footpaths and bridleways used by our walkers and riders – especially in Corscombe and Halstock? Perhaps we could discuss this with the Parish Council and local residents.

The Annual Meeting will include presentations by David Ackerley, Dorset County Council Rights of Way Officer for our area and by Simon Dalton who has done such wonderful work in helping the Common Lane Project and in running (literally) the footpaths and bridleways in the parishes.

An urgent need is for someone and a committee to take on the running of the Friends – if this is to continue.

I am resigning as chairman/secretary/treasurer, now. I think I've done enough! I'm running out of steam (or whatever runs creaking joints). So please will somebody(ies) carry the torch?

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