

## **Minutes of the FAAG of ARPC held on 07/11/2016.**

### **Present:**

Peter Hetherington in the chair, Mike Eaton, Jan Gooders and hosts Lynn and Graham French.

### **Apologies:**

Tracy Lambourne, Julian Knight, Di Eaton, Tony Hughes.

Minutes of the last meeting held on 07/03/2016 were agreed and signed.  
There were no matters arising.

### **Fiveways report and further work:**

Mike reported that the planting of native UK bulbs and plants had continued. There had been some problems as some of the supplied bulbs were hybrid or incorrect ie Spanish bluebells and this had led to a delay in the project as they required removal followed by replanting. Some of the species planted include: mixed wild seed, Valarian, Vipers Bugloss, Yellow Rattle, Wood Anemone, Wood Sorrel, Bee Orchids, English wild garlic and more English wild daffodils.

There has been damage to a sleeper close to the lower bridge. Peter has arranged for a quote for works at Fiveways including repair of the above, creation of a small dam and extension of the footpath to take to the next Parish Council meeting on 09/11/2016 for discussion and voting on whether to approve the projects.

There has been an offer of a contribution towards a bench to be sited at Fiveways.  
Peter will liaise further to come to an agreement.

**The Duck Race** will be repeated next year on the 1st Sunday in February 05/02/2017. The church will also be open for refreshments.

**Working with Aston Rowant School** has continued. In July, years 5/6 had a history walk through the village and spent time investigating at Fiveways including in the stream wearing wellies. They also completed a quiz.

### **The Moors Footpath:**

Peter Hetherington has been working towards gaining funding for the two sections identified as requiring works but at present is short by approximately £7,000-£7,500. He will continue with the fundraising.

No new footpath problems were identified.

**The next Parish walk** is on 1st January 2017 will be an 8 mile circular walk starting at Wendover Library Car Park at 10:00AM.

**The Neighbourhood Plan** is still in its early days and open to all to attend on the 2nd Tuesday of each month in the village Hall.

**Litter:** There continues to be problems with the bin at the end of Butts Way/ A40 not being emptied on a regular program. Mike offered to monitor this and report back.

**The village tubs** are due to be planted with their winter selection.

**Pruning:** The Cherry trees on the B4009 by the Butts Way triangular field and some bushes in Kingston Blount require work.

**Drainage ditches and Grips:** Peter is to write an article for the Parish notes reminding people of their obligations and possible risks of flooding if work is not carried out. George is to be contacted to see if he would be prepared to quote for this work if land owners do not wish to do the work themselves.

**New Projects:**

Thoughts on a permanent noticeboard for Fiveways to display the history, fauna and flora of the area. The problem is finding an artist to compose all that is required in a succinct manner. The possible planting of some Field Maples within the Parish.

**Next meeting:** will be at 8:00PM on the 3rd April at Brookside, Brook Street, Kingston Blount.