

# **FRIENDS of GALLOWS BANK**

**Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

**At the Rockspring Community Centre at 7.30 pm.**

## **PRESENT:**

David Davies (Chair); Jane Davies (Treasurer); Heather Price, Brian Smart, Lesley Smart; Peter Norman, Robin Pote, Denise Thompson, Megan Blackmore, Linda Downey, Di Lyle, Patricia Astill, Kate Adams, Graham Hubbard and James Cooper.

## **APOLOGIES:**

## **COMMITTEE ELECTIONS:**

David Davies was re-elected as Chair; Jane Davies was re-elected as Treasurer. Heather Price, Brian and Lesley Smart were re-elected as committee members.

Di Lyle was elected as Secretary; Patricia Astill, Kate Adams, Graham Hubbard and James Cooper were elected to the committee.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Jane Davies presented her report and the annual accounts were adopted. It was agreed that the cost of drainage and mowing should be subtracted from the amount in the bank.

## **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

Membership Subscriptions: It was agreed that the annual subscription for registered members of the Friends of Gallows Bank should be set at £10.00 per adult member. No fees would be set for any members under 18 years old.

Maintenance: a number of members indicated their willingness to take on various volunteer tasks. This resulting in a small working party on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July clearing bindweed and other competing herbage around some oak saplings planted in the Spring.

It was noted that the Trust receives no grants and its funding is derived from donations. In the past it did receive a grant from DEFRA to cover the August mowing regime but that has stopped now and the Trust needs to identify some

funding. It was suggested to appeal to the members to see if anyone would be willing to explore funding opportunities and apply.

The perception locally is that Gallows Bank is Council owned, either by Ludlow Town Council or Shropshire Council and its maintenance is therefore a Council responsibility. The need to correct that perception was recognised via leafleting local households which would also raise the profile of the Bank.

The proposal to establish a small wildflower meadow at the bottom of the muddy path was carried.

**DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING:**

The date for the 2022 AGM was not set. Members would be advised during the summer.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.