

THE BEACON HILL SOCIETY

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Minutes of the Meeting on Monday, 27th June 2011 at the Poachers Pocket, Chelynch

Present: Julian Back (secretary, webmaster), Richard Raynsford (chairman), Peter Banks (treasurer), Caroline Gentinetta (editor), Mary Newman (mem. sec & Doultling PC), Alan Stone, Brenda Rogers, Peter Leach, Fran Britten, Jennie O’Kane, Christine Mayle, Barry Pitcher, Doreen Marks, Eileen Bird

Apologies: Jonathan Burgess, Bo Walsh, Andrew Webb

1. **Welcome & Apologies:** Richard welcomed us to the meeting.
2. **Minutes of previous meeting 6th February, 2011:** The previous minutes were accepted
3. **Matters arising:** None
4. **Officers reports:**

Webmaster: Julian Back reported that some minor updates to the website had been performed including adding the AGM minutes and that all future meeting minutes will be added to the website as well as being emailed or sent by post to those without email.

Julian was also asked to list the Beacon Hill Society email addresses, these are:

Chairman: chair@bhsm.org.uk (Richard Raynsford)

Secretary: secretary@bhsm.org.uk (Julian Back)

Treasurer: treasurer@bhsm.org.uk (Peter Banks)

Membership Secretary: membership@bhsm.org.uk (Mary Newman c/o Peter Banks)

General email: mail@bhsm.org.uk (Julian Back)

Treasurer: Peter Banks requested that any members with Society expenses should send their invoices to him. We agreed that Julian Back and Richard Raynsford should be added to the list of members entitled to sign cheques.

Membership Secretary: Mary Newman reported that we had several new members since the last meeting.

Editor: Caroline Gentinetta told us that a newsletter was underway. There was some discussion about whether to email or post the newsletter and in the end we decided to continue distributing newsletters by post. They will also continue to be put on the website.

5. Future Events

Mid Somerset Show, Sunday 21st August – the Society intends to have a stall in the Heritage Tent.

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Fungus Foray, Sunday 2nd October, 2pm – we discussed parking and publicity for this event. Julian was to discuss with Jonathan Burgess about improving the parking area at the wood entrance. Since the meeting I have emailed Jon and received a reply, he is prepared to consider some further work by the Road Up Gang but we also thought that the current parking arrangements are OK for events like the Fungus Foray especially if we encourage car sharing. If we really are short of space we have previously been able to use the Waggon & Horses car park (although this does require ferrying from the W&G to the wood entrance).

Litter Picking and Rubbish Clearing – this will be arranged in the autumn when the vegetation has died down.

Winter Hedge Laying – Fran knows of a hedge layer who may be able to provide some training.

Archaeological Fortnight 2012 – possibility of a walk/talk by Dr Jodie Lewis, Mendip archaeology researcher from Worcester University. Julian to investigate further.

Since the meeting I have been in touch with Gill Odolphie at the Earth Science Centre at Stoke St Michael and it would be possible to arrange a visit if members are interested.

6. Any other business

Fran Britten gave us an update on Asham Wood,

Julian & Brenda showed an oil painting by local artist David Beech of the horse logging in Beacon Hill Wood.

Since the meeting Jonathan Burgess has informed me that we have been dedicated a bench at Beacon Hill and he has suggested positioning it to look out over the bluebell glade at the middle of the wood, to allow a sit down during a circular walk of the wood. So don't be surprised if you find a bench there on your next visit to the wood!

7. Next Meeting

Monday, 12th September 2011, 7.30pm at the Wagon & Horses, Doultong

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