

# **Record of the proceedings at 11th AGM of Summer's Field Thursday 2nd May 2024 at the Cross House**

## **Those present**

Paul Drayton - Chair of Summer's Field CIO

Jenny Bartram - Treasurer

Diana Ashman - Secretary

Lisa Williams - Trustee

Corrinda Wakefield-Wilde - Trustee

Chris Sherman - committee member

John Bartram

Apologies - Helen Barnes

## **Recap of actions and events in 2023 and financial report**

The chair opened the meeting by recapping on the previous year's actions and achievements in the orchard. These included,

- Annual Wassail - January 2024
- The planting of rowan and hazel whips at the back of the wildflower meadow to provide shelter and food for wildlife, following a consultation visit by Sally Pattison, ecology officer South Glos Council on 3rd October 2023.
- Wildflower meadow/test patch sowing
- Owl box installation by Colin Morris, local owl expert
- Cream tea in the orchard - Sunday 2nd July 2023
- Autumn feast - 14th October 2023
- Use of Summer's Field for the village fete 10th June 2023
- Funds raised by selling teas and cakes at the Old Rectory Open Garden on fete day
- Contribution of funds from hard half marathon
- Large apple harvest, producing 375 bottles - September 2023
- Pruning and mulching
- Field topping by Pete Grey
- £570 membership and donations
- £750 Coronation grant
- Strimmer purchase

Paul Drayton presented the main points of the financial report for the year ended 30 November 2023 which were:

- Due to the current bank balance, the FOSF has achieved it's aim of having at least three year's worth of funds in reserve to cover running costs. Cash funds for the year end amounted to £4293.
- Fundraising income was received from events such as the cream tea (£111), autumn feast (£1107), and teas at the Old Rectory (£566). Income was also received from the Doynton Hard Half (150), the coronation grant (£750), membership and donations (£570) plus sales of apple juice (£781). The total income for the year amounted to £4036.

- Expenses for the year included insurance (£143), rent (£550) purchase of strimmer (£570). Total payments amounted to £2763.

### **Overview of the priorities for 2024**

Paul highlighted the following priorities for the coming year

- A push towards greater community engagement and outreach by inviting people along to participate in publicised work parties throughout the year
- Wassail - community invited
- Hard half involvement
- Cream tea, barbecue and camping event to be scheduled for July 2024
- Orchard maintenance and mowing plan
- Old Rectory teas - 22nd June 2024. A team of Summer's field volunteers to facilitate, as in 2023
- Autumn feast/barn dance
- Apple juice production from harvest, including a possible collaboration with Nick Fryer to produce Doynton Cider
- Interpretation board completion
- Installation of wildlife pond

### **Current Committee members of Summer's Field CIO**

Chair (and Trustee) Paul Drayton

Treasurer - Jenny Bartram (taking over from Paul Drayton)

Secretary- Diana Ashman

Committee members - Corinda Wakefield-Wylde, Chris Sherman, Lisa Williams (reinstated after a short break), Helen Barnes

Trustees:

Paul Drayton

Corinda Wakefield-Wylde

Jenny Bartram

### **AOB**

Committee members agreed to meet in the near future to plan for the proposed cream tea, barbecue and camp in Summer's Field on Saturday 20th July.