

REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES' MEETING FEBRUARY 2016

The 44th meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on 10th February 2016. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Geoff Stringer. A welcome letter had been drafted and was circulated to the committee. This was deemed suitable for use when new residents had moved into the village and would introduce them to the Nature Reserve and hopefully encourage them to visit it and maybe even become volunteers. The carving of the memorial bench in memory of John Clifford had begun.

Tina reported that the working party had been mulching the boundary saplings and most of the footpaths had been chipped. The work clearing the bank adjacent to the orchard had been completed and several trees that had fallen into the lake had been removed by Mark. The nest boxes needed cleaning and replacing, if necessary and there needed to be some clearing of the vegetation on the verge by the lane. Geoff suggested that there should be a site visit by the Trustees in the early spring to check on what needed doing.

Tickets for the Village Supper were selling well and there was to be some entertainment provided by the Beckford Inn.

There had been no applicants for the post of Treasurer and the committee were pleased that Jonathan would carry on in post until someone could be found to replace him. A visitor had sent a video of her visit to the Nature Reserve and it was hoped that a link could be made to the website for others to view it. The Reserve would be signposted during Beckford Open Village weekend and hopefully there would be time for some visitors to walk round and enjoy it. A tidy up team might be needed to ensure that all the paths were safe.