

## REPORT ON THE TRUSTEES' MEETING MAY 2017

The 51<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Trustees of Beckford Nature Reserve took place on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Before the meeting, the Trustees undertook a walk around the Reserve to identify any areas of concern and also to assist in the preparation of the 3 year plan. There was some concern about the presence of a number of bird carcasses which could be the result of dogs being allowed to run free off the lead.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed by Geoff Stringer. The "Give as You Live" link has been established and we have 7 online supporters. This is a painless way of raising a steady amount of cash for the Reserve by online shopping. The memorial seat is in place and has been well received. Thanks are due to Nick Rallis for his exceptional carving. It was suggested that a small plaque should be placed on the seat so that its significance could be explained. The Village Supper was very successful with a nice atmosphere. 58 people attended, with £870 taken and a total profit of £443 being made. Next year perhaps the emphasis should be on celebrating the 10 year anniversary of the Reserve rather than fund-raising.

There have been some recent generous donations in memory of a local person who enjoyed walking around the reserve. It is good to know that the reserve is appreciated. The Summer Fayre at the Beckford Inn in June provides the opportunity to have a stall selling cards and other stationery as well as raising awareness of the Reserve to visitors to Beckford.

It planned to have a speaker at the AGM as this is the beginning of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary year.