

Minutes of FOLV AGM 31 July 2017

St Francis Church Hall, Hollow Way

1. Welcome from Chair Dr Judy Webb
2. Apologies : Dr Helen Gavin, Paul Vanags, Richard & Joy Brown, Teresa & Keith Frayn, Jane Magpie, Lawrence Casserley, Shirley Nelder
3. Minutes of 2016 AGM were approved.
4. Treasurer's Report: Accepted. 'Miscellaneous' refers to donations other than jam eg for July's walks and talks.
5. 2017/8 Fees: proposed that they remain at £5 individual; £7 family; £0 unwaged or anyone without an income.
6. Chair's report: a very busy year with much progress towards 'Vision for the Valley' unification of the north and south fens – if only for wildlife! Also our first, highly successful Open Day, plus talks and walks by Judy. Handwritten version on file.
7. Chair proposed thanks to all Committee members. TEW proposed thanks to Chair. Thanks to Stephanie for looking after our website.
8. Election of officers: re-election of:
9. Dr Judy Webb, Chair; Dr Terry Wood, Treasurer; Heather Armitage, Secretary and Social Media; Hazel and Steve Dawe, press & publicity; Steve Woolliams, Committee member.
10. AOB: report from Mike Boon of bat survey: common and soprano pipistrelles, noctule and possibly Daubenton's or Natterer's bat.
11. Dr Judy Webb's talk illustrated by beautiful photos: 'Wildlife on Allotment'. Summarised in the attached notes by Rod D'Ayla. Importance of allotments for bee-friendly flowers; importance of vertebrates and invertebrates to eat slugs & other pests; provision of habitat piles and bee nests. Importance of flies which perform 67% of pollination- 33% is by bees, moths, beetles, butterflies combined. Importance of scorpion weed phacelia. 160 species of insect depend on bird's foot trefoil. Tiny sees of fat hen and groundsel excellent for birds. Bumblebee queens love white dead nettle when they emerge from winter sleep, starving. Herbs are excellent for bees especially marjoram.
12. Meeting ended 9pm.