



## Minutes of Annual General Meeting of Friends of Warneford Meadow, held at 7.00pm on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2012, at Southfield Golf Club

### Steering Group

Present: Chris Dunabin (Chair), Heather Armitage, Sietske Boeles, Andrew Carter, Anne Copley, Paul Deluce (from 8.00pm), Andrew Lack, Graeme Salmon, David Sutton

Apologies: Andrew Wilkinson, Kate Whitworth-Jones

In addition, 18 Members of FoWM attended.

### Annual Report 2012

A review of this year's Annual Report focussed on the following points:

- the Department of Health decision to put Warneford Meadow up for sale and the implications of this for FoWM;
- the opportunity offered by the DH for FoWM to agree a licence contract with any new owner of the site for the future management of the Meadow and Orchard, in accordance with FoWM objectives 2 & 3 to 'enhance the Meadow as a wild meadow' and to 'maintain the Orchard as a distinct cultivated area';
- the need to secure the availability of the Meadow and Orchard for recreational use by as wide a neighbourhood as possible;
- the possibility that FoWM may purchase the site on behalf of the community;
- the Steering Group's wish that FoWM should become a legal entity and seek charitable status, which would facilitate securing a licence to manage the site or purchasing it.

The meeting passed *nem con* a resolution supporting the Steering Group's approach as outlined in the Annual Report 2012: to follow up the opportunity to agree a licence to manage Warneford Meadow in future; to turn FoWM into a charity; and to explore the possibility of purchasing the site.

### Annual Accounts

Graeme Salmon presented the FoWM accounts for the year to 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. These indicated an excess of income over expenses of £ 533.36 for the year and total assets of £3,716.00 at the year end. Accounts had been scrutinised by the Honorary Auditor, Alison Williams.

### Steering Group

Of the current members of the Steering Group all were happy to continue, with the exception of Heather Armitage. Heather's invaluable contribution to the work of FoWM was gratefully noted and it is hoped that her interest and involvement will be continued in a less formal way.

The AGM closed at 7.55pm and was followed by presentation from Dr Judy Webb describing the ecology of the Lye Valley and Boundary Brook area of East Oxford.