

FFOG meeting- Decisions & Actions

Location: On-site meeting

Date: 07.05.26

Time: 5.30pm to 7.30pm

Attendees: Hilary Short (chair), Graham Brandwood, David Brookes, Steve Bullen, David Elliott, Clio Graham, Anne Greenwood, Rick Gould, Rebekah Mulligan, Ian Procter, Chris Workman.

Apologies: Mark Tanner

	SITE & ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION	OW NER
2	Previous minutes accepted.			
3.1	<p>Signage</p> <p>IP indicated the two signs on the fence at the Cromwell Road entrance: “Dogs on Lead” and “No Cycling”. He said the new “No Cycling” sign, installed six weeks ago, had been unscrewed and removed although it has now been replaced. He also reported that two screws had been removed from the “Dogs on Lead” sign. To help prevent further tampering, the centres of the screws have been drilled out.</p> <p>Other missing signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Great Crested Newt sign on Fauna path • The “dogs on lead sign” recently put up along fauna path • The “no cycling” sign at the entrance to Long Pads <p>IP showed 3 printed “no cycling” signs designed by children at the Easter egg hunt that had been agreed by the FA. He requested decisions on where these signs could be placed.</p>	<p>Sites for Children’s designed signs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Near the Cromwell Road bin replacing the existing sign. • At entrance to Long Pads to replace the missing “no cycling” sign • Opposite double gate near bird feeding station replacing existing sign which is to be reinstalled along Fauna path. <p>The great Crested newt sign to be replaced with one from the shed.</p> <p>The poorly visible “dogs on lead” sign behind the bench on Pony Wood track to be moved to Fauna Path.</p>	Volunteers to put signs up	RM

3.6	Section of barrier between Long Pads and Flora field. The fence has been pushed down, and it would be relatively easy for a dog to access the field.	To be repaired with posts and barbed wire.	Volunteers to repair the breach	RM
3.7	Concrete wall along Long Pads. RM reported that black plastic bags containing dog waste are being persistently thrown over the wall creating a large pile that does not easily rot down.	A deterrent sign on a post to be put up.	HS will ask Andrew Brennand to make a sign	HS
3.8	Notice board on Pony wood track. IP reported that in March the board had been full of sighting with no space for new entries. He suggested 2 options: Have a person responsible for recording & regular cleaning of the board. Repurpose the board. Bearing in mind, that sightings can be recorded on iNaturalist the board could be used for other items e.g. signs on hedge laying, information on birds & fauna in the wood, link to iNaturalist etc.	It was agreed that the board could be repurposed. A sub-group could produce ideas for the signs.	IP to measure the board & obtain a cost from the printer on Thurnham street.	IP
3.9	Sycamore saplings in Pony Wood Extension. The prescription for the woodland creation stipulates that we “control all sycamore regeneration”. DB reported that the new plantation has multiple sycamore saplings and this will worsen the longer we leave it. The ideal time to uproot is February/March.		To add this item to the FFOG agenda for autumn	AG
4	Reports. Volunteer activities for March & April (RM) Volunteer jobs report (GB) Proposed tasks for May & June (RM) Monitoring report (GB) Cattle monitoring (RG) – to be sent out with the minutes	The reports were agreed.		
5.1	<u>Standing Items</u> Arrangements: No amendments			
5.2	Financial Control: Nothing to report.			

5.3	Feedback from FA (HS): Link to the minutes of the FA meeting of 21.04.26 below: https://fairfieldassociation.org/meeting-information/fairfield-association-minutes-21-april-2026/			
5.4	Feedback from Trustees (HS): Nothing to report			
AOB	Nothing raised.			

Next meeting: Tite and Locke Thursday 2nd July 7pm.