**FRIENDS OF SAINTBRIDGE WORKDAY NOTES**

Workday Notes Sunday 21 January 2018

**Present**. Ken Price, Marilyn McKechnie, Barbara Russell. Jon Clarke, Jane Allen, Will Apperley

Ap**ologies.** Charlie Burnett, Frank Prentice, Paul Brunt, David John

**December Hours worked to date 158hrs which were made up as follows:**

Ken worked in the Community Gardens, Mowed Curlew Bank, Cleaned & cleared the sheds on the gardens, Marilyn did Litter Picking and Admin plus workday hours by all volunteers Ken has purchased Small picketing fence and stakes to place around the feeding area

Other Work done through the week

The Environment agency have been busy and have done a great job on the Dry Balancing Pond banks and along the River Twyver, cleared the relief Twyver silt trap and Curlew Bank near the bus stop. It look great. They have been at the area for 3 days.

Four members attended the Wildlife Trust presentation about Wild Towns. The members felt it was a volunteering exercise and are not sure if it will add value to the group or not but hope to attend further sessions which are planned to confirm our thoughts.

**Work done today**

Barbara & John helped to bury a fox, while Will & Marilyn planted some snowdrops were planted near the bench at Skylark. We enjoyed a walkabout quickly due to the torrential rain which never ceased. It was agreed that it was too dangerous to do any other work around the silt tarps and too wet to do another work around the pond or community gardens. It was a great suggestion from Barbara that we meet at Morrison’s for coffee and discuss future work to be done. Thank you to Ken for taking on the refreshments these past few workdays.

**Work to be done next workday**

Actions from today’s discussions

Mike leaving.

It was agreed to have a collection for Mike Rentall as he is leaving the group to live in Birmingham with his sister due to ill health. Barbara purchased the card and passed it around for signatures. Marilyn will collect monies for a high street voucher as a gift from FOSP for all his volunteering through the years since 1993. Barbara to contact Tony to arrange a photograph of the group to give to Mike. We were hoping to present Mike with these at the AGM Barbara will contact to find out Mike when he intends to move.

AGM

It was agreed 4 March at Saintbridge club, Ken will book the club for 11.30-1.30

An agenda was drafted which Marilyn will circulate to the group.

Barbara agreed to invite the Wildlife Trust to report on the feedback of the Wild Towns initiative...

Jane will invite Cate Williams from Greenspaces to report on their events this year.

Tony to ask Graham to join us and report on the website.

Will and Marilyn will collect the info for the power point

Marilyn to contact Charlie to review the FOSP 2017 report. .

Everyone will bring an item of food/drink on the day

Barbara agreed to give Mike a lift to the next workday. Mikes number is

01452 446618

Ken to contact Frank Prentice and Marilyn will email his number which I 01452 306921

**AOB**

Thank you to Barbara for buying the coffee today.

**Next meeting Sunday 4 February 10.00am.**