

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT
GROVELANDS, LANGFORD LANE, BS40 5DF ON 2ND OCT 2012**

1.0 PRESENT; - DW, BS, ID, RE, Peter C, Phil C, DC, Helen Fordham (by invitation)

2.0 APOLOGIES; - WBW; ABSENT JMC

3.0 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes were accepted as a true record of the last meeting and signed by President BS

4.0 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Avon Wildlife Site on going	Action PC
4.2 NVQ course at Weston on going	Action ID
4.3 Gerry Bissett Memorial on going	Action AG
4.4 Jeremy Burbage to value library books	Action ID

5.0 OFFICERS' REPORTS

5.1 CHAIR As the chair was absent the Hon Sec reported briefly as follows:-

The 60th Birthday Lecture was a great success with over 80 attendees from around the branches and beyond.

Due to a change in the parameters for applying for a grant from the Princes Countryside Fund the sub committee will be looking at alternative sources

Action WBW

The chair had written to Bob Sharman re the Claverham site but has had no response.

We have had another possible site mentioned by Brian Campbell at the Solar Sense site in Brockley. The chair will follow this up.

Action WBW

5.2 TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer reported that the Branch has received £1049 in gift aid refund, and 25% of this money goes to ABKA leaving the Branch with £787.48

Currently we have £6,300 in our account.

A breakdown of our current financial situation is attached.

The treasurer will now forward the accounts for auditing before the Branch AGM

Action RE

It was agreed not to have a budget meeting prior to the AGM

5.3 SECRETARY'S REPORT

It was agreed that the Secretary will write to the owner of the Walled Garden to sever our Agreement

Action DW

5.4 APIARY MANAGER'S REPORT

The Apiary Manager gave a report on the situation at the Langford Apiary following the recent flooding.

The Apiary Manager agreed to progress the costing of a container for use at an apiary site. Action AG

5.5 PROGRAMME MANAGER'S REPORT

The next visit will be on Saturday the 6th October to Bee Friendly Plants in Chard. Next year's programme is finalised and meetings will be held in both Churchill and Tickenham.

The question of a replacement for Peter was raised and it was agreed WBW will speak with Janet Mc and any other likely candidates should be approached Action WBW/ALL

5.6 EDUCATION OFFICER'S REPORT

The Education Officer had nothing new to report. We have to find another candidate for this role as ID is retiring at the AGM. It was suggested that Steve Brain or Rob Francis be approached to take on this role. Action WBW

5.7 SWARM LIASION REPORT

One swarm was taken in September

5.8 ABKA DELEGATE REPORT

The ABKA are looking for a President as David Maslen will retire at the AGM suggestions to PC

6.0 AOB

6.1 Phil C. gave information about this year's Christmas Meal which will be held at Clevedon Golf Club. Details to be circulated by Hon Sec Action Phil C/DW

6.2 A vote of thanks was recorded to WBW/ID for their efforts in making the 60th Birthday lecture such a success.

6.3 The Branch AGM was briefly discussed. The President was confident all would go well but we must all consider possible new members for the committee.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.50

The next meeting will be arranged after the AGM.