

MINUTES
COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 23rd February 2016, 7.30pm
 Haddenham Parish Council Office

Present:

CLlr Mr Lyons, Dr. Benjamin, Mr Chowns, Mr Greaves (Chairman), Mr Proctor, Ms. Rowbotham and Mr Smith

Clerk: Mrs Gilbert

No members of the public.

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| Public Participation None | |
| CO16/39 APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr. O’Hanlon and Mr. Peach. | |
| CO16/40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Dr. Benjamin and Ms. Rowbotham both have properties that share a boundary with the orchard. | |
| CO16/41 MINUTES The minutes of the meeting held on 8 th December 2015 were AGREED as a true record and signed. | |
| CO16/42 FUNDRAISING The balance on the account is currently £2935. It was suggested that Waitrose could be approached regarding their Community Matters fundraising scheme. | |
| CO16/43 ORCHARD DESIGN | |
| (i) <u>Fruit Bushes and Wild Flowers</u> It was suggested that Graham Taylor could help source fruit bushes. There may already be some wild flowers which should be taken into consideration. The best planting times will need to be found out. Bulbs can be planted now as well as plug plants. A site visit will be needed to identify some patches for some trial planting. It was AGRRED to purchase 64 plug plants at a cost of £124 as per the quote obtained by Mr Smith. Bulbs will be planted in autumn unless some can be obtained in the green from local donations | DP GS |
| (ii) <u>Activity area and pathway</u> Students from an educational establishment (e.g. Waterperry) could help with the design. The area will need a name e.g The Core? More chippings from Graham Taylor could be used for the pathway. It would need rpalceing 1-2 times a year and could be monitored to see how well it works for the first year. | DP/SB |

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| <p>Seating suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - cut off logs - large rocks - could also be a low maintenance play area - the area might need levelling and better definition <p>Will need to research supply and fitting costs for different options. Companies will need to be approached and may be able to come up with some design ideas</p> | SB/DL |
| <p>(iii) <u>Tree plaques</u></p> <p>Several styles/ quotes had been obtained, BCG were the cheapest. 15x10cm was agreed to be a good size</p> <p>The plaque should have rounded corners and 2 holes for attaching to the tree stakes with a view to moving them after about 3 years.</p> <p>The suggested content of the labels was agreed with the addition of a grid reference and date of planting.</p> <p>A definitive list of the trees will be needed.</p> <p><u>Noticeboard</u></p> <p>More research will be needed</p> | <p>DG</p> <p>GS</p> <p>SG/ER</p> |
| <p>CO16/44 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE</p> <p>The weekly orchard inspection list was reviewed. It was agreed to add a contact number. Completed sheets will be kept in the PC office.</p> | DP/SG |
| <p>CO16/45 EVENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A planting event will be held on either 12th or 19th March at 11.30am. TBC. - In midsummer a picnic will be held on 18th June at 12.30pm - A BBQ will be planned for August. - 21st October is National Apple Day so on Saturday 22nd October an apple pressing day will be organised | |
| <p>CO16/46 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>Not much has been done with this recently. Elaine is still managing the Facebook page.</p> | |
| <p>CO16/47 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA</p> <p>No items were suggested</p> | |
| <p>CO16/48 DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The date of the next meeting was proposed for 5th April 2016. To be confirmed.</p> | |
| <p>CLOSURE OF THE MEETING</p> <p>The meeting closed at 9.25pm.</p> | |

Signed: _____
Vice-Chairman

Date: 26th April 2016