

MINUTES
COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 8th March 2017, 7.30pm
Haddenham Parish Council Office

Present: Dr. Benjamin, Mr Greaves (Chairman), Mr Proctor, Ms. Rowbotham and Mr Smith.
Clerk: Mrs Gilbert
No members of the public present.

CO17 47 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr Lyons.

CO17 48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Mr. Proctor declared an interest due to having a professional connection with Buryhook.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CO17 49 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2017 were amended as follows then AGREED and signed:

CO17 42 wooden changed to aluminium and March changed to April

CO17 50 FINANCES

The finances remained unchanged since the last meeting.

CO17 51 ORCHARD DESIGN

(i) Noticeboards

The email didn't go through to Shelley Designs with the amendments so the updated draft will be circulated later in the week. A QR code can be added it was AGREED that this would link to townsendorchard.com.

The design had been reviewed by email and changes incorporated before sending back to Shelley. The welcome boards are also being done by Shelley.

It was AGREED to use oak posts for the stands for all noticeboards.

It was AGREED to use the same border on the welcome signs as on the main noticeboard.

It was AGREED to use apples as the bullet point symbols on the welcome boards.

It was AGREED the welcome boards would be A2 size.

The wording on the welcome signs was AGREED. DG has the copy to pass to Shelley.

The tree plaque quotes have not come back yet, as Shelley also make tree plaques it was AGREED to get a quote and draft design from them to make co-ordinated plaques to match the main noticeboard

(ii) Seating Area

Mr Proctor has been liaising with Buryhook. The logs are there ready to be cut up. Installation of the benches will need to be co-ordinated with the installation of the noticeboards as it is a single day of work for them. Find out how long it will take to make the noticeboard once the design is finalised and then determine an installation date.

CO17 52 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

A monthly schedule of tasks had been prepared by Mr Greaves and circulated for feedback ahead of the meeting. Mrs Gilbert had updated the plan to incorporate comments and separated out volunteer and HPC responsibilities. It was AGREED that a meeting should be held with volunteers to find out any preferences in the jobs they would like to do and when they are most likely to be available. It was suggested that Cosine might be involved in haymaking as this needs lots of volunteers.

It was AGREED to set dates ahead of time to get them into people's diaries.

Date for next work party 7th & 8th April 2017.

It was AGREED to hold a meeting with the volunteers in the pub a week before.

Mr Proctor has set up an email distribution list.

Mr. Proctor suggested keeping a photographic record of the trees as a means of surveying them and for historical records. It was agreed this would be a good idea.

CO17 53 EVENTS

The schedule for the next events was AGREED:

1) Easter Egg Hunt - Good Friday 14th April 2017

Just a fun picnic event.

Posters – ER

Notify schools / Haddenham.net/ Orchard Website – ER

Marquees / Mini Eggs / colouring / basket making – a short informal meeting ahead of the day will be arranged to sort out the details.

2) Midsummer picnic possibly to tie in with Open Gardens

GS to contact Graham Oliver to see if the orchard can be included.

DG to contact Heather Hunter to see if a tie in with Bucks Open Studios might be possible.

3) Apple Pressing – October

CO17 54 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This can be done through tying in with other events such as Open Gardens and Bucks Open Studios.

Possibly music or plays when more established.

Mr. Proctor asked the committee's views on a request by Tiggywinkles to release hedgehogs back into the wild at the orchard. This was thought a nice idea.

CO17 55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

26th April 2017

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: 26th April 2017