

DRAFT MINUTES
COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 14th March 2018, 7.30pm
Haddenham Parish Council Office

Present: Cllr Mr Lyons (DL)
Co-opted members: Mr Hadder (CH), Mr Proctor (DP), and Mr Smith (GS)
Clerk: Ms. Gilbert (SG)
No members of the public

CO18 28 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Dr. Benjamin and Mr Greaves. Mr. Greaves has been unwell for some time and is in the thoughts of the committee who hope to welcome him back soon.

CO18 29 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CO18 30 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2018 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

CO18 31 FINANCES

The balance on the account is £1,895.30. The total cost of the notice boards and benches was £6163.45, the invoices have been sent to AVDC to reclaim the s106 funding.

Budget for future expenditure (add as a standing agenda item)

- Tool shed, lockable, discrete, will need a base. Could be screened with planting. Need to get ideas and quotes for next meeting. (CH)
- Compost area – could be constructed with used pallets. Need to measure up an area first.(CH)
- Tools - call for donations first, need to decide how much is needed (DP)
- Gazebo
- Gloves (DP)
- Proper First Aid Kit (DP)
- Pump Flasks – need costing (DL)
- Publicity leaflets
- Need to agree an annual budget and a contingency (DP to start off)

CO18 32 ORCHARD DESIGN

Replacement tree plaques have been ordered, received, installed and paid for.

A couple of proper benches would be useful for those who can't sit on the log benches, 2 suitable locations are identified. These could be memorial benches. SG will send info on PCs memorial

benches and other options will be identified (GS).

CO18 33 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

- (i) The maintenance plan can be adapted from the working party plan.
A longer term management plan should focus on continuing community engagement, improving accessibility for all, this will be developed over time (GS)
- (ii) Orchard inspections have been carried out by Dianna. Still need to deal with the bamboo that is coming through and soft fruit area needs attention – to be dealt with at next working party.
- (iii) Feedback from previous work parties:
The March work party was small but did quite well, it was Mothering Sunday (note to avoid this day next time). Completed most of the clearing of the circles around the trees surrounding the core. Will need a lot more wood chips. Coming across tree roots where the circle sizes are being increased, but this shouldn't be a problem as the most important roots will be going deeper down by now. There are quite a few more trees left to do next time, some have been cleared but the circles not made bigger. The soft fruit area was completely refurbished by the February work party. DP purchased new fruit bushes on the advice of Graham Taylor, the invoices will need to be reimbursed for these (DP/SG). DL suggested Jostaberry bushes could be nice in the area where bushes were mown last year.
- (iv) Preparations for April and May work parties:
Need to get wood chip from Graham for next working party, he is moving away from the village so there may not be an opportunity as the delivery should be close to the day. (DP to contact Graham). DP may be able to collect woodchip in his trailer as an alternative or we could ask Aspire if they can provide woodchip from tree work at Sheerstock (SG).
Weeding of remaining soft fruit area can be done during the Easter Egg hunt to identify what remains after it was accidentally mown.
April work party – Sunday 15th April .DP will lead
May work party – Friday 11th May with Cosine involved (DL to liaise with Cosine). Hoping to help clear any cow parsley at that time. GS CH will lead on the day.

CO18 34 EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- (i) DL suggested a Shakespeare Play by travelling cycling group The HandleBards. 1st July is available for this.
A lot of advanced planning would be needed and the logistics of setting up the performance area and catering for the audience. What do the group need space wise? How many could be in the audience? DL suggested company sponsorship for the event with free admission. Would still need to be ticketed to control numbers. There may be the possibility of using Townsend Green if a larger space is needed. Community engagement with neighbouring residents would be essential. Contact Haddenham Players for assistance as they are used to organising these events (DL). A policy and risk assessments will need to be in place.
- (ii) Easter Egg hunt - 31st March 11am
Emily Rowbotham will organise the egg hunt. Useful to make baskets as that worked well last time.
DL will bring the usual kit
DP, CH, GS will be there.
GS has checked with Marot that it doesn't clash with anything on at the Church.
Gazebo will be needed – CH has a small one to bring. If forecast is bad use DGs larger one.
Table & Chairs – GS, CH. Borrow table from DG
Refreshments –DP liaise with SB to see if she can help.
Posters for PC notice boards. SG will update last years and arrange display.
Other entertainment for the adults may be needed - possibly an orchard related quiz trail?

(iii) Picnic – June 23rd provisionally after check for other events (Father’s Day to avoid on 17th).

CO18 35 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 23rd May 2018.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.30pm

Signed: _____ DRAFT _____
Chair

Date: 23rd May 2018

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