

MINUTES
COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday 26th April 2016, 7.30pm
Haddenham Parish Council Office

Members: Cllr Mr. O'Hanlon and Mr Lyons
Co-opted members: Dr. Benjamin, Mr Chowns, Mr Greaves (Chairman), Mr. Peach, Mr Proctor,
Ms. Rowbotham and Mr Smith

Clerk: Mrs. J Allman

CO16/49 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr. O'Hanlon, Mr. Greaves, Mr. Peach and Dr. Benjamin.

CO16/50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

CO16/51 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2016 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

CO16/52 FUNDRAISING

- (i) The balance on the account is currently £2958.34 taking into consideration the Beer Festival Grant which is owed and there is an outstanding invoice for £276.07 payable bringing balance to £2682.27
- (ii) Committee members agreed to pursue application for S106 funding once the design and planning requirements are agreed.
- (iii) The Committee requested that the S106 Application request be put on the next Environment Meeting Agenda to confirm support to full Parish Council Meeting.
- (iv) Committee also agreed to pursue The Waitrose Green Token Application.
- (v) The Committee discussed setting up a spreadsheet with future forecasted expenditure, Mr.G Smith will action this.

CO16/53 ORCHARD DESIGN

- (i) It was agreed by the Committee members the selection of varieties of Fruit Bushes and Flowers currently planted, donated or recently purchased will suffice at present and no further purchases are currently needed apart from a donation of Raspberry bushes by Mr D Lyons.
- (ii) The Committee considered proposals for the activity area and whether a pathway was to be included in the project, it was also confirmed that no Fires will be allowed within the Orchard.
- (iii) The Committee considered both Stone and Wood designs, formal and informal for the seating area and three separate quotes for a noticeboard and tree plaques with projected costs.
- (iv) A working party agreed to meet on Saturday 30th April at 9.30am to measure to consider the design options and the space in situ.
- (v) The Committee agreed that the objective is to have the seating area ready for Apple Pressing Day in September.

CO16/54 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

Diane Josey will be assuming the role of Orchard Inspector and Litter picker with a monthly checklist.

CO16/55 EVENTS

- (i) The picnic event was confirmed with details to follow.
- (ii) The Committee discussed the possibility of hosting Theatre events once the seating space is in place.
- (iii) Feedback following the wild flower and bulb planting day was reported as very successful with a large local participation.
- (iv) The Committee would like to publically congratulate the members that organised and facilitated this very successful occasion.
- (v) Mr G Smith confirmed additional purchases of Bulbs and Trees on planting day beyond previously recorded in the last month's minutes.

CO16/56 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Committee would like to publically thank Mr. R Peach for all the work involved in marking up the Grid references for the Orchard Plan.

The Committee would like to remind all members for mindfulness and curtesy in all Communications with fellow members.

The Committee is looking for volunteers to take over the role of administering Facebook and the PR role.

CO16/57 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Community Orchard Meeting is scheduled for the 7th June 2016

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm

Signed: _____
Chairman

Dated: 7th June 2016