

MINUTES
COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 14th June 2017, 7.30pm
Haddenham Parish Council Office

Present: Cllr Mr Lyons
Co-opted members: Mr Proctor, and Mr Smith
Clerk: Ms. Gilbert

In the absence of Mr. Greaves the meeting was chaired by Mr. Proctor (Vice-Chairman).

CO18 1 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Dr Benjamin, Mr Greaves and Mrs Rowbotham

Action

CO18 2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CO18 3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 26th April 2017 were AGREED as a true record and signed

CO18 4 FINANCES

The balance on the Community Orchard account remains unchanged since the last meeting.

CO18 5 ORCHARD DESIGN

(i) Noticeboards.

The final design has been approved and signed off.

There is no date yet from Shelleys for delivery, needs confirming.

There is an additional charge of £225 for re-printing due to an error that was identified in the list of donors. It was agreed that the kind offer from the affected donor to pay for the re-print would be declined, but he could be involved at a later date when funding might be needed for something else.

Needs to be confirmed with Shelleys that delivery will be to Mr Smith's home and the billing address will be the Parish Council office.

Buryhook are currently very busy so it may be difficult to get an installation date.

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(ii) Seating area is ready to go once the noticeboard is ready

CO18 6 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

To review the orchard maintenance schedule.

Mr Smith reported on the work party he led on 2nd June. It was a Friday so he was joined by 4 residents and 10 employees from Cosine. He felt it went well and that it would work well to occasionally have a weekday work party.

There have been three work parties so far this year and work is going well. Cow Parsley has grown but much reduced this year due to better management, it would be good to remove the flower heads soon before it seeds.

DG

The July work party could focus on mulching around the base of the trees.

DG

A pre-working party informal meeting will be held to plan the work.

Dianna Josey was thanked for continuing with the weekly checks of the orchard.

The fruit bush area is very over grown and needs clearing.

CO18 7 EVENTS

Picnic – 25th June 2017

- Bring your own picnic before the start of the Open Gardens.
- Some soft drinks could be provided.
- A gazebo would be useful to shelter from sun or rain.
- Guided tours during Open Gardens
- Produce some guide sheets that could be printed in the PC office
- An informal meeting will be held to confirm details

National Apple Day – 21st October 2017

- Apple Pressing
- Meeting in late August to plan this

Acoustic Vibe

Keen to hold a music event in late afternoon / early evening at a weekend in September. More information is needed about the plans and agreement on responsibilities. A policy on events held by other groups at the orchard would be needed.

SG

Haymaking – late August

- May be able to borrow a topper from David Watkins who is involve with Cuttlebrook

CO18 8 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Girl Guides visit was successful with about 10-15 Guides and 3 leaders helping out with weeding. They did a very good job and said they enjoyed it and would like to come again.

The working party had been interviewed by Brian Fattorini for Red Kite Radio. In future events could be publicised on the radio station.

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It was agreed that it would be nice to use features of the noticeboard design as a template to produce an invitation to the opening. This could double up as a personalised certificate for donors. The possibility of Cosine producing something was discussed and will be followed up. A copy of the final design will be needed and not sure if Dr Benjamin has this.

DL

DP

A leaflet like the Snakemoor one could be produced based on the noticeboard design, again Cosine could be asked for help with this.

An article can be written for the next village newsletter, including a report of the picnic, the opening and advertise apple pressing event.

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CO18 9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 20th September 2017.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 9.05pm

Signed: _____
Chair

Date: 20th September 2017