

MINUTES
COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 27th September 2017, 7.30pm
Haddenham Parish Council Office

Present:

Cllrs: Mr Lyons

Co-opted members: Mr Greaves (Chairman), Mr Proctor, and Mr Smith

Clerk: Ms. Gilbert

No members of the public.

CO18 10 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Dr. Benjamin.

CO18 11 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CO18 12 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th June 2017 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

CO18 13 FINANCES

The balance on the account was noted.

HPC has paid for the noticeboards and will reclaim the cost from the s106 funding allocation at AVDC. There had been some confusion over the invoice for one of the noticeboards.

Confirmation of the quote to match the invoice will be obtained before it is paid. The Clerk will prepare a full summary of quotes vs invoices for the next meeting.

SG

Fundraising may be necessary for future projects.

CO18 14 ORCHARD DESIGN

Buryhook will install the notice boards and benched tomorrow – 28th September. Diccon will meeting them first thing at the orchard and then David G will be around during the day should any issues arise. The layout has been marked up by Diccon and Greg.

DP

DG

CO18 15 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

- Diccon has emailed Kathy at Aspire to arrange the cutting of the orchard grass before the opening ceremony. Suggested meeting Kathy and Kevin on site on Friday after their HPC meeting. Greg can be around for this.

GS

- Working Party on 8th October

- need to get stakes into the ground for the tree plaques which will require a 1 or 2 man borer. The ideal borer would be 150mm for the post size, but 200mm would be OK if that is all they have.

DG

- The best way to prevent the posts from rotting in the ground is to surround them with pea shingle. Need to calculate how much will be needed – volume of hole minus post. Identify the best way to purchase this and get it delivered.

DG

- Location of posts will be agreed before work starts.

- May need to weed around the base of trees first. GS
- Need to check that there are holes in the plaques and screws provided to attach the plaques to the posts. Do a dummy run first.
- A post and a plaque will be taken to the orchard in advance to agree the correct height DP/DG
- Need to develop a better strategy for soft fruit early in the new year.

CO18 16 EVENTS

- (i) Apple Pressing and Opening Ceremony on 21st October 2017.
- Mr Lyons has been liaising with Cosine to get a formal invitation / certificate prepared. It hasn't been easy to get hold of people but he has been reassured it is in hand. An A5 tent style card is recommended, so there will be 4 sides to design. Side 1 = certificate, side 2 = invitation, side 3 = orchard map, and side 4= orchard logo on the back. DL
 - The invitation draft was reviewed – it was agreed that it will be called the 'Official Opening'. No need to ask people to bring apples, it will mean too many to press, there will be enough for demonstration purposes. Apple pressing from 11 onwards. DP
 - A ribbon will be tied around the board and a child will be invited to cut the ribbon. Possibly one of the school's eco-champions? DL
DG
 - Gazebos will be provided by David G DL
 - Folding tables will be provided by David L All
 - Food and drink to be decided at later. DP
 - Send out a message on Facebook and Haddenham.net. need to ask Elaine to do this. DG
 - As Red Kite radio for a mention DG
 - Poster to go on noticeboards
- (ii) Other events:
- Tree pruning course – Andy Howard has sent through some dates, the preferred one was 25th November 2017. There will be 12 places. It was agreed committee members would be offered places first, then volunteers and then anyone else. Will need to ask Robyn Thorogood if a late stage pruning demonstration could be done at Snakemoor. DP
 - Beer Festival on 9th December – mummers performance at the orchard.
 - Wassail – 6th January 2017 with a cider competition in the evening.
 - Suggested training in identifying diseases and pests would be useful.

CO18 17 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Included with events.

CO18 18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

15th November 2017

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at

Signed: _____
Chair

Date: 15th November 2017