



MINUTES
COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 13th February 2019, 7.30pm
Haddenham Parish Council Office

Present: Cllr Mr Lyons
Co-opted members: Mr Greaves (Chair), Mr Hadder, and Mr Proctor
Clerk: Ms. Gilbert
No members of the public.

CO19 38 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Dr. Benjamin and Mr Smith.

CO19 39 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

CO19 40 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

CO19 41 FINANCES

- (i) The balance on the account was noted as £1,587.21.
The grant from the Beer Festival still needs to be claimed and will cover the cost of the shed.
The tools need to be purchased and the claim will be made in one go.
Mr. Lyons purchased another pump flask and will need to be reimbursed for that .

- (ii) The budget for future expenditure remained unchanged.

CO19 42 DATA PROTECTION

The policy for managing the personal data provided by volunteers and supporters was reviewed and AGREED. Thanks to Dr. Benjamin for preparation of this.

CO19 43 ORCHARD DESIGN

- (i) Progress with the installation of the shed. DG
Work is going well, the frame is up. The cladding needs to go on and the roof. More work CH
will be done tomorrow. A water butt will be set up once the shed is up.

- (ii) Memorial bench DG
Mr. Greaves had asked neighbours' opinion on the location of benches. They will be located close to the path, not too close to any houses. One home owner had objected, but another accepted the location. Mr Greaves will contact the lady who requested the memorial bench and tell her to go ahead and order the bench, it can be delivered to the PC workshop for

installation by Aspire.

There will only be two benches on the site, as only two suitable locations have been identified.

CO19 44 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

- (i) Draft orchard management plan – Deferred as Mr. Smith has been working on this. GS
- (ii) The orchard inspections have been carried out, no serious issues were reported, some accumulated litter has been collected. Thank you to Diana for doing this.
- (iii) Feedback from working party 9th February
A good number turned out. The shed was started. A large delivery of compost was used around the base of trees and under the fruit bushes. Some small hazels have been planted – thanks to Jane Stovold for the donation.
- (iv) Next working party - will be held Sat 16th March 10-12.30
Need to build a compost bin, a Facebook post has helped find a source of pallets for them, from a firm in Stokenchurch. There are some from the installation of the play area that are likely to be available.
Arrange to meet up with Kevin & Kathy from Aspire as this year the main path and core will need cutting more regularly and smaller paths. A map will be drawn up for them as guidance. CH
It was decided that storage and maintenance costs of the auto-scythe that had been offered from Cuttlebrook made it not a practical option. It is likely to still be possible to borrow one from Cuttlebrook as they have a couple. DP
Mr. Greaves will investigate the cost of hiring one from Helpful Hirings DG

CO19 45 EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Wassail was successful and enjoyed by those who attended.

Next events.

Easter Egg hunt will be Saturday 20th April Mr. Smith is leading on the co-ordination. GS
The cow parsley will need to be removed before then at one of the working parties earlier in April. Will need to remove it before it seeds this year.
DAF have been approached about helping out, probably better to have a separate event from the Cosine work party as that is well already well attended. It could be in August for hay making.
Summer picnic was not well attended but nice for the volunteers to socialise so will be arranged again this year.
The cycling Bards could be possible but may be difficult to fit into their schedule.
An arts festival linked to the Feast is being arranged and it would be a good opportunity to hold an event at the orchard.

CO19 46 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be confirmed.

Clerk's post meeting note: date agreed 10th April 2019.

CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed: _____
Chair

Date: 10th April 2019