



**MINUTES**  
**COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE MEETING**  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019, 7.30pm  
Haddenham Parish Council Office

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**Present:**

**Co-opted members:** Dr. Benjamin, Mr Greaves (Chair), Mr Proctor, and Mr Smith

**Clerk** Ms. Gilbert

No members of the public.

**CO19 47 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Mr. Hadder and Mr Lyons.

**CO19 48 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no requests to participate.

**CO19 49 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were AGREED as a true record and signed.

**CO19 50 FINANCES**

(i) The balance on the account was noted £1,587.21

(ii) Future expenditure.

The shed still needs to be reclaimed from the Beer Festival Grant (£225.49).

Graham Taylor is still donating bark chippings which is appreciated.

**CO19 51 DATA PROTECTION**

The laminated data protection policy and signing in sheets are ready for use at events.

**CO19 52 ORCHARD DESIGN**

(i) Installation of the shed:

Not quite finished, need to seal the bottom and put the vent in the roof (DG)

Shelving and hooks still need to get put up. Not attached to the wall directly but along an additional plank of wood. Help with this from DP's neighbours is possible. (CH / DP)

Water butts need to be purchased and need a length of guttering for installation (GS/CH)

Some slabs will be needed to put the water butts on (SG/GS)

Tools:

Prices have been compared with B&Q, Haddenham Garden Centre and George Browns. There is around £600 left in the grant. The availability of tools will encourage people who don't have their own and can learn from working in the orchard. Careful thought will be needed to balance quality and the number of tools. Maintenance tools are needed this year, and pruning tools next year, a new application or a grant could be made for next year. It was agreed to have a

brainstorming meeting DP will suggest a date.  
Plaque on the shed to thank to Beer Festival is needed- DG

- (ii) Installation of a memorial bench.  
The donor has been unwell so this was delayed. DG has met her and passed on the application form and ordering details, but these have not yet been returned. DG will follow up.

#### **CO19 53 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE**

- (i) Draft orchard management plan  
Project aims still need to be updated. GS
- (ii) The orchard inspection reports have been received, with no issues arising.  
Aspire have met with DP and CH and have been asked to cut the paths and core area every couple of weeks. This has been done today. Smaller footpaths will be cut by volunteers.  
Hiring an auto-scythe would be £50 from Helpful Hirings but they only have one so would need to book in advance.  
Smaller paths will need cutting for the Easter Egg hunt (GS)
- (iii) Feedback from the last working party.  
Compost bin was built, went really well and has tidied the area up.
- (iv) Next working parties will be held on  
Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May, 10am -12pm  
A Friday in June to allow Cosine to help if it can be arranged.  
6<sup>th</sup> July (TBC)  
17<sup>th</sup> August (TBC) and a Friday in August with DAF involved if possible for hay making.  
Annual Parish Meeting Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May – written report and stand.  
May need to change the emphasis on grass cutting to keep it back from the trees to make it easier to look after, which will need wild flowers to be in bigger blocks.

#### **CO19 54 EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Easter Egg Hunt – 20<sup>th</sup> April  
Has been advertised on Haddenham.net and has been very successful in the past.  
Gazebo needs to go up early – 9am ish  
Emily will help with structuring the event.  
Start just after 11am with a formal start to the hunt.  
Make simple baskets helps keep the kids entertained, plus face painting.  
Need some cakes – ask for donations  
Need as many tables and chairs as possible.  
Pump flask and mugs (GS to collect from DP)  
Check for dog mess and remove in advance.

BYO Picnic 22<sup>nd</sup> June lunchtime – to fit in with National Picnic Week (14<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June)  
Mostly for supporters and volunteers. Advertise now.

#### **CO19 55 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

**CLOSURE OF THE MEETING** - The meeting closed at 9.25pm

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019