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DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY ORCHARD COMMITTEE

Monday 9th February 2026 7:00pm

The meeting was held at The Parish Council Meeting room.

Present:

Councillors: Cllr John Wheeler (JW)

Co-opted members: Mr. Chris Hadder, (CH) Mr. Diccon Proctor (via zoom) (DP) Chair, Miss
Chrissie Jones(CJ), Mrs Teresa Roberts (TR)

Facilities Manager: Ian Final (IF)

Members of the public: None

CO25 32 APOLOGIES

None. All present.

CO25 33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

CO25 34 MINUTES

The minutes of the informal meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 were AGREED as a true record but not signed as the Chair was not at the meeting in person.

CO25 35 ORCHARD DESIGN

(i) To receive an update on all design items since July 2025

All work parties have been carried out with great success. A birch tree was planted that was donated by a volunteer, but after concerns from a neighbor was moved to another area in the orchard. The volunteer Christmas drinks and nibbles went well and was well attended.

Water barrels have been donated and it was agreed that a good idea would be to fill them up now while water/rain is plentiful. CH agreed to fit an overflow system to the existing water butts which will fill the new barrels and water can then be stored.

(ii) To receive feedback on any design items and raise items for next agenda

A £250 donation was received from which the committee have decided to buy an Espalier tree plus caging to home/protect it. CJ will look at trees in the garden center and the group will agree on which one to purchase via the watsapp group. It was mentioned should we want to grow raspberries again. This will go onto next agenda for discussion.

An agenda item for drought resilience will also be added for the next meeting.

(iii) Shed Extension

The shed extension has been built with just a couple of small tasks left to do. There is a small hook that needs to be hung for the key and also the door is slightly wonky.

CO25 26 ORCHARD MAINTENANCE

(i) Work Parties

DP will work on a list for the coming years work parties send round when done. It was agreed to keep some mid-week events in the Rota.

(ii) Planned work for next 3 months.

Wild flower bed protection fences will be replaced by a much nicer looking hazel hoop boundary. CJ & TR will look out for suitable hazel and then the work can be carried out at a working party.

The willow fence that protects the blubells will need refreshing and CJ has said she will put a request for some willow out on social media.

The compost bays need some updating as some pallets are starting to rot. They need to dry out somewhat before this work can go ahead.

CJ and TR have carried out most of the winter pruning. There are around 5 or 6 trees left to do which they plan to finish over the next two weeks.

It was agreed that the quinces will need to be done also.

DP has requested works for one work party for the elder to be removed from the fir trees and surrounding areas.

Two items to note are fire blight being present on some trees and also one of the gages that shed all its leaves early last year to keep a close eye on.

CO25 27 EVENTS AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

(i) Planned events.

Monday 6th July Girl Guides will carry out a butterfly count and have a fish & chip supper in the orchard. CJ has asked if anyone could give her a hand it would be very appreciated.

(ii) Easter event will be same as last year and will take place on March 29th

(iii) National Meadow Day event will take place on 4th July. This will include a guide with questions and answers on the wild flower beds. Craft stations and refreshments including cake.

(iv) Bat night will take place in August DTBC. Usual events to take place.

(v) Music night will be 11th September. To be discussed further at next meeting.

CO25 28 FINANCES

(i) IF reported that balance was unknown but would ask finance to inform and send round on whatsapp group on day after meeting.

(ii) DP informed the group he had applied for a grant from Winterfest and was waiting to find out if successful.

(iii) Only DP has expenses to claim for some cable ties which he will reimburse himself for from petty cash.

(iv) IF agreed to investigate a Q.R code for payments to orchard through HPC and will feedback at next meeting.

CO25 29 CORRESPONDENCE AND ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

There was no correspondence. Items for next agenda above.

CO25 30 A.O.B

None

CO25 31 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Next meeting to be held on Monday 27th April at 7-00pm at Council Parish Office.

CO25 32 CLOSURE OF THE MEETING

The meeting closed at 20:15 HRS

Signed: _____

Chair

Date: 12th May 2025