



Minutes of the GHGW meeting held on 12th May at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.

Present: John Ambrose (JA), Rob Collett (RC), Jo Hazlewood (JH), Mel Holmes (MH) Simon Hooton (SH), G Laws (GL) Suzanne Steer (SS) Brian Whales (BW)

Apologies: Maggie Good, Christine Holmes, Sarah Peck, Kathy Smith

1. **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda: -
Methodist Chapel lights
2. **Dates for visit to Shotley Community Orchard:** JH will see if Monday 9th June would be convenient and those interested will meet at village hall at 6.30 p.m. instead of the usual monthly meeting – MH to locate the original email from the clerk from Shotley PC and circulate as a basis to ask questions during the visit.
3. **Nature Walk/ Dawn Chorus:** reflections on Dawn Chorus walk – a very enjoyable morning – possibly start half an hour earlier in future. The final arrangements for the Nature Walk on 21st June will be circulated in due course – it was agreed that it could be an evening walk starting at 6.30 p.m.
4. **Additional stag beetle stumperies** at the Reade Field/Completion of the Hapenny Field project. JA will email everyone when he has a chance to get the additional stumps for Hapenny Field. A date was fixed for Tuesday 27th 10.30 a.m. at Reade Field for the stumperies there. As this was during half term, we may be able to encourage some children to be involved. Spades and small trowels would be useful.
5. **Risk Assessments for Activities** we have a template to use and will complete RAs using the template for future activities. MH had completed one for the Dawn Chorus walk.
6. **Project with Holbrook Academy:** SH outlined his plans for two sessions with Year 7 pupils at the Academy. JH, JA, RC could help on 4th June & JA, JH, MS can do 2nd July. SH will circulate a crib sheet in advance of the sessions. HA are having a summer fete and we could have a GHGW stall dependent upon the date.
7. **Village Fete:** 31st May; any action to implement the following:
 - Copies of annual survey – JH will print 30 copies

- Logs – MH will bring a few logs from Andrew King and use some spare seating from the village hall.
- Green tombola – so far we had a voucher for Shotley Vineyard, Swift Boxes, Green topic books and gardening books, Harry Suckling has offered a fruit and veg hamper from the Potato Hut – members were encouraged to think of appropriate prizes for children – sweets, small 2nd hand toys, etc. avoiding plastic wrappings. Packets of seeds were another option, sunflowers, cress, etc.
- Vegan/vegetarian wraps – falafel and hummus wraps with salad. Need a cool box. Need to specify the ingredients to alert consumers to possible allergies. JH and MH will make these late morning on the day of the Fete, hopefully using the village hall kitchen.
- Storytelling – as a limited number of members were available it was decided not to try and have a storytelling corner, but we would promote the “stories for a changing planet” project with flyers and publicity. Also promote the fact that the hedgehog/night camera can be borrowed. .
- Bike(s) for publicity – one is ready for use and could be used for publicising the nature walk and the stag beetle event - possibly sited near the Methodist Chapel. It would be good to have the logo on the bike publicity.
- Gazebo – MH will bring her gazebo. SH has one if we need another
- SH will provide his information boards

8. Updates (if any) on:

- Eco Church: RC said work is continuing at All Saints and there have been new volunteers.
- Swift Boxes and swift activity at the Methodist Chapel – a sparrow has been seen in the boxes. No visible signs of swifts as yet.
- EV Charging Point: progressing slowly, Village Hall are changing to a CIO status and once that is sorted, the County will install with two charging points. Electricity will be from a point in the road and will be paid by the consumer.
- Water testing – still no further on with volunteers. JH will continue to pursue. Other Parish Councils are keen for it to go ahead.
- Storytelling for a Changing Planet – SH circulated some leaflets – he recently did a storytelling session at Woodbridge Tide Mill and is participating in a forthcoming storytelling festival.
- Peninsula Green Network event – Suffolk Wildlife Trust have a day planned in October for communities. Involving other Parish Councils who are part of the Shotley Peninsula Alliance of Parish Councils will form part of a future Alliance agenda.
- The Greater Collaboration/Suffolk Climate Action Team – JH will continue to forward any information from these and other bodies.
- Annual Parish Meeting: it was helpful to have a visual display and an excellent resume of what we had been doing presented by MH. SH

had made contact with the new head at the RHS. SH had mentioned textile recycling in the meeting and Mary McLaren had followed this up with Babergh's Recycling team.

9. Any other business/ideas:

LED lights outside the Methodist Chapel were on from dusk until dawn – could they be turned off earlier? GL will take this to the Methodist Chapel meeting. It was agreed that we would review our Terms of Reference and our Action Plan. The current versions will be circulated to members prior to the July meeting.

SH had seen David Attenborough's new film Ocean which he recommended – SS will I for a look into hiring this for a future Holbrook film night.

10. Next Meeting: 6.30 p.m. 9th June at the village hall to visit Shotley Community Orchard. Next meeting at the Methodist Chapel will be 14th July.