



MINUTES of the meeting held on 9th October 2023 at the Methodist Chapel, at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rob Collett (RC) Maggie Good (MG) Kath Green (KG), Ed Fleming (EF) J Hazlewood (JH), Simon Hooton (SH), Andrew King (AK), Gerald Laws (GL) Liz Minister (LM).

1. **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not on the agenda – JH and KG gave a brief report on the Litter Pick/Beach Clean which took place on Saturday. Several bags, mainly of glass, had been collected and disposed of.
2. **Energy event:** 28th October 10 – 1 at The Methodist Chapel.
GHGW to request a table, possibly in a place where a projector could be used. AK will promote the annual survey and Warmer Homes Holbrook. It was agreed that possible energy related artefacts could be displayed. To advertise this and other events we need to make good use of social media: Past and Present, Parish Council website and facebook page, Shaun's Shorts, etc. Posters at the Bus Shelter, the Church, Holbrook Creek (KG will do the latter) RC. AK. SH MG and JH all happy to be present on the day. AK will take a lead on getting information on social media.
3. **Promotional material:** banner, leaflets etc. SH had investigated banners and would liaise with the supplier about the design, but it would be 1 metre and a half by 1 metre with the logo followed by "Greener today for a brighter tomorrow" horizontally in line with the logo in the same font and colour as the logo. For the event on 28th it could be displayed on a clothes rail. Agreed that the wording needs to stand out SH will liaise with JH re ordering/paying for the banner, as the PC were funding the purchase.
4. **Family Workshop:** 26th October at The Bowls Club. SH had printed out some leaflets and publicity and had devised a programme, which included a couple of interesting experiments, a presentation using PowerPoint, a multiple choice. Quiz and creating a picture. Although the event is free, participants must book - 7 years and over, accompanied by a parent. Publicity has been sent to the local schools and will hopefully be mentioned at Messy Church. Agreed it could be useful to send to U3A. AK will take care of social media. AK offered to help on the day and JH would help if available.

5. Bulk Buy (now called Holbrook Warmer Homes).

AK reported that the scheme has been launched, but so far there have been no enquiries. This is unfortunately typical of the county wide scheme. AK has sent details out on several mailing lists. It is generally thought that the income restriction is a barrier and AK was seeking guidance to see if the income restriction could be dropped. It was agreed that promoting it person to person at forthcoming events might be productive.

6. Joint events with Holbrook Society:

- Friday 20th October, Chris Gibson (formerly from English Nature) 7.30 p.m. Village Hall, An East Anglian Story - the influence of geology, history and climate on our present-day wildlife and climate
- November 3rd Anglian Water – Village Hall 7.30 p.m. – interactive event about water. Help required from GHGW setting up, doing teas etc.
- February 16th – Fast Fashion and Greenwashing – again help setting up would be helpful.

7. Annual Survey: Only 10 questions can be included for free on survey monkey. SH and AK will produce the final version incorporating any feedback received from members

8. Updates on:

- Church Eco Project – RC reported progress is being made. There is another moth survey coming up – date to be confirmed. GL said the Methodist Chapel will re-plant the planter in the winter. The Methodist Chapel are in a position to apply for the bronze award and will be encouraged to apply in due course.
- Water testing – EF is taking the lead on this and reported that the equipment has been ordered and the funding has been confirmed. Testing will take place at 5 sites around the peninsula. EF has, been in touch with the Deben scheme who have offered an afternoon when our volunteers can shadow their volunteers. AK offered to be a backup.
- Thermal Imaging Camera – round 2 – the camera is coming at the beginning of December until the beginning of January. And this will be promoted at the energy event and any other events thereafter.
- Moth Survey – date for new survey to be circulated when known.
- Litter Pick/Beach clean - already discussed.
- Community Energy Event - SH had attended this event and his notes had been circulated and are attached to these minutes. It was agreed that involving other villages on the peninsula with GHGW would be an ambition for the future.
- Community Network event Saxmundham on 4th November: SH and AK may attend this.

9. Suitable film to be shown at Village Hall: – at the moment no suitable film had been identified, for which a licence could be obtained. It was confirmed

that need a licence to show any film publicly was required. This item would be kept on the agenda in case something suitable could be found. It was suggested that contacting an organisation like Greenpeace might produce ideas.

- 10. Action Plan** – the action plan was reviewed and updated where appropriate, Tips for an eco-Christmas: people are encouraged to share their tips and ideas for an eco-friendlier Christmas. These could be put on the noticeboard and also in the next edition of the Parish Papers.

11. Any Other Business:

- RC will circulate notes about a talk he had attended re DIY insulation.
- The Food Share event which was shelved in the summer would be kept on the agenda
- SH has been invited to present his climate change talk to Babergh DC councillors.
- SH had the name of someone who did good talks on saving money whilst being green – it was agreed this would be good for a future event.

- 12. Next Meeting:** 13th November 7.00 p.m. at the Methodist Chapel