



**Minutes of the meeting of GHGW held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.**

**Present:** Rob Collett (RC) Jo Hazlewood (JH), Christine Holmes (CH) Mel Holmes (NH), Andrew King (AK), Sarah Peck (SP), Kath Smith (KS)

**Apologies from:** John Ambrose, Ed Fleming, Maggie Good, Simon Hooton, Gerald Laws, Suzanne Steer

- 1. Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda: no matters/actions
- 2. Holbrook Hedgehog Hooray** – review of event. JH reported that the weather was kind and there was a steady flow of families visiting, lots of participation in the games and the trail and it was generally a successful afternoon. Thanks very much to Simon and Sue Hooton, who had organised all the games and the trail and were both on hand to answer questions and chat to the families. A visitor asked if it would be repeated next year!
- 3. Annual Fete:- 1<sup>st</sup> June** - what space do we need – It was thought that we would need 7 metres x 3 metres, which represented the size of two gazebos with a small space in between. Some of the games at the Hedgehog Hooray would be available, plus other games and information. There would be a pledge tree again, but it was thought that it would be good to be able to give anyone making a pledge a reminder of their pledge to take away. Ideas invited as to how this could be achieved. At the last meeting having a vegan option for food was discussed. This may not be possible, but CH & MH suggested collecting empty packets of available vegan food – mainly food which could be purchased locally to demonstrate what is available. They will take the lead on this. It was suggested that maybe the Co-op might donate samples of a low cost vegan food, such as ginger or other vegan biscuits. It was agreed that it would be important to get to the Fete early to set up – ideally before 1.00 p.m.
- 4. Progress on EV Charging point:** an application for an EV Charger has now been submitted using the power source at the Bowls Club or the Village Hall. There have been issues with the EV charger at Stutton Village Hall and JH would try and establish what these were, to avoid similar problems. There was a general discussion on how green the energy source for the EV charger would be. AK pointed out that most energy supplies were becoming gradually greener.

## 5. Updates on:

- Annual Survey this is done and AK is marketing it. JH will circulate a link to the survey when received and members are encouraged to test it out.
- Warmer Homes Holbrook – the new publicity has now been completed – applications are now all online. No household income restrictions. We could have some publicity at the Fete to promote it and it would also be promoted on Shaun's Shorts. The following is extracted from the Suffolk CC website: *The offer is open to anyone and will close once the allocated funding has been spent. To find out more visit [www.greensuffolk.org/at-home/grants/](http://www.greensuffolk.org/at-home/grants/). Simply fill out the [online order form](#) and Travis Perkins will be in touch to arrange payment and delivery.*
- Thermal Imaging Camera surveys: – only 8 surveys had been carried out this year. A couple of houses who had requested a survey had not responded to reminders. The camera has now been returned. One household who had been surveyed was interested in the subsidised insulation project above – the link has been forwarded to them.
- Eco Church – work is continuing – RC reported that the Annual Churchyard clearance is happening this Saturday (13<sup>th</sup> April), 10 – 4.00 – interesting plants have been identified within the churchyard and a report will be updated in due course..
- Water Testing: KS has had contact with Deben climate organisation who test the Deben fortnightly and send results to the University - testing for E-Coli on the Stour and Orwell has now recommenced and will continue fortnightly until October. KS will provide a brief article for the Parish Papers with the findings. GHGW were grateful to KS (and Ed Fleming) for their work. If testing is to continue next year, further funding will be needed.
- Eco frenzy talk: it had been proposed that this would be a joint event with Holbrook Society. Following a discussion, it was agreed that we should go ahead and book it if possible (October was suggested) – the emphasis of the talk was how to be greener whilst saving money, which is an important topic. It was proposed to have no entry fee, but to invite donations and there were offers amongst GHGW members to fund the event if necessary.

6. **Any Other Business/ideas:** A seed exchange and a sharing of surplus produce event had been discussed previously. The Repair Café share seeds and it was agreed that the food sharing event might not be viable this year but would be kept on the back burner. It was suggested that residents could be encouraged to pop excess produce outside their houses. Several local residents already do this. JH mentioned that CAS were offering grants of up to £2000 to encourage community groups to grow their own food.

It was noted that a Rogation walk will be taking place 5<sup>th</sup> May.

7. **Next Meeting: 13<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at the Methodist Church at 7.00 pm**