



**Minutes of a meeting of GHGW held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.**

**Present: J. Ambrose (JA), J. Hazlewood,(JH) M Holmes (MH), G. Laws,(GL) M. Shenton (MS), K. Smith (KS) B. Wales (BW)**

**Apologies from Rob Collett (RC), Simon Harley (SH), Christine Holmes (CH), Sarah Peck (SP), Suzanne Steer (SS).**

1. **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda:
2. **Storytelling project: update – SH** had sent a detailed update on the storytelling project, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Answers to some questions raise:
  - Very acceptable for promotion to be put on the Parish Council website and the GHGW page.
  - The best format to publish on the website is probably a pdf document
  - Suggestions for other outlets for the storytelling project: JA will talk to the Academy – Flatford was another suggestion; young people's drama groups & Guides. MH said she would do a press release for the launch. A flyer could be added to the Parish Papers for the April/May edition. The grant for the project needs to be claimed by 13<sup>th</sup> March.
3. **Liaison with Stutton Parish Council:** in principle, sharing ideas, collaborating, etc. was seen to be a positive move. As Stutton Parish Council meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in each month, the same night as GHGW, it was agreed in the first instance to offer to have the GHGW meeting at Stutton on 10<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30 p.m. and to then to talk to their Parish Council Meeting in their Public Forum. JH will write to Stutton PC to see what they think. MH suggested it would be good to have some old copies of the Parish Papers with articles from GHGW to share. The list of activities so far undertaken by GHGW would form the basis of any presentation to Stutton Parish Council.
4. **Litter pick – 9.00 a.m. at Holbrook Creek Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2025**  
Participants to bring their own gloves. We may try and get another date in the diary to join in with the Great British Spring Clean week.
5. **Peninsula Greener Network event:** discussion postponed until we have liaised with Stutton Parish Council.
6. **Possible new date for a further “listening walk”:** 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in May – listening to the Dawn Chorus led by MS and SH.

## **7. Updates on:**

- Eco Church: MH reported that there are 5 hawfinches in the Churchyard of All Saints. Swift boxes will shortly be installed and bulbs planted at the Methodist Church. Funding may be required to install swift boxes. Plans to increase recycling are also in hand
- EV Charging Point- JA reported that the village hall needs to apply for an incorporated status before proceeding further. Once this status had been achieved, they could go ahead with installation of the EV charging point.
- Annual Survey – it was agreed to give thiaone last push at the Annual Fete with the offer of a prize. All completed surveys would be numbered and one would randomly be pulled out to win the prize. JA had kindly agreed to provide a suitable prize
- Bike project for publicity: still need to acquire a suitable bike - MH will put an appeal out on Shauns Shorts. GL will keep an eye on the Council refuse sites when he visits.
- Water testing: funding and interest promised from other Parish Councils. JH had liaised with S. Harley who had initiated the funding and the aim is to both inform residents and to put pressure on the Environmental Protection Agency with the results. KS pointed out that it would not be possible to gain safe bathing status, due to a lack of public toilets within the prescribed distance. A coordinator was still needed to continue with the project.

## **8. Any other business/ideas:**

- We need to make plans for a stall/games at the Village Fete 31<sup>st</sup> May,
- KS asked if there had been any progress with the Community Orchard, The original suggested site in the Cul-de-Sac at Clifton Wood had been rejected due to underlying pipes and infrastructure. KS had visited Shotley Community Orchard recently, where information about pruning had been shared. It was agreed that JH would write to Shotley PC to see if a visit could be arranged for interested members of GHGW. KS said there was a lady from Waldringfield who was leading the session who said that they didn't have a community orchard as such, but had planted trees on various pieces of suitable land within the community.
- Stumpery at Halfpenny Field – awaiting for GHGW to set a date to install the logs to form a boundary. It was agreed to meet at 11 a.m. on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March in the village hall car park to get this task done. Various people offered to bring wheelbarrows, MH would provide spades.
- SH has plans for the Reade Field Stag Refuge

## **9. Next Meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – venue and time to be confirmed.**