



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

**Present: J. Ambrose (JA), R. Collett (RC), J. Hazlewood (JH), M. Holmes(MH) G. Laws (GL), M. Shenton (MS), K Smith (KS),**

**Apologies: S. Hooton (SH), C. Holmes (CH) S. Steer (SS)**

**MH** thanked everyone for the work carried out at the stag beetle refuge at Hapenny Field. Next step is to find some more telegraph poles or similar logs/wooden posts

1. **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda: Community Orchard: JH will circulate a few dates, possibly Sat am or Monday evenings.. JA invited members to attend the Parish Council meeting on Monday, as a planner was coming to talk about possible development north of Hyams Lane. He pointed out that on their plan, the field south of Hyams Lane was identified as an area for community use and biodiversity
2. **Storytelling project:** JH read out SH's report which gave details of the project to date. Everyone agreed that SH should be congratulated for the amount of work and passed on GHGW's thanks.
3. **Liaison with Stutton Parish Council:** JH reported that Stutton PC had an item on their agenda for a meeting taking place at the same time as GHGW's meeting. She will pass on any news. In the meantime, she had extended an invitation to any individuals from Stutton who might like to join in with activities. JH had sent them a list of activities undertaken so far.
4. **Litter picking – participation in the Great British Spring Clean, 21<sup>st</sup> March - 7<sup>th</sup> April** – it was agreed to meet at Church Green at 9 o'clock on 5<sup>th</sup> April. JH will bring necessary equipment, but individuals to bring their own gloves.
5. **Peninsula Greener Network event:** no further development at the moment.
6. **Date for Dawn Chorus:** Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May dawn chorus – meet at 5 a.m. possibly at Holbrook Creek. MS suggested also a nature walk on 21<sup>st</sup> June which is Suffolk Day. He was going to liaise with SH
7. **Swift Boxes at the Methodist Chapel:** the Church Council were in favour of their installation, but there may be a delay to accommodate work on the Church roof.
8. **Village Fete:** 31<sup>st</sup> May; it was agreed that we would do a green tombola, MH will source some prizes. We would also encourage completion of the survey

and JA had promised a prize. All surveys would be numbered and a number would be pulled out to identify a winner. It was hoped that Babergh would again be involved, but they need to coordinate with GHGW so that they are not working against each other. It was suggested that we could provide a quiet space for SH to do some storytelling if he is available and willing. Also, it was agreed that we would provide some simple plant based wraps as an alternative to burgers. We need to source a couple of cool boxes. MH will source some wooden logs from Andrew King for sitting on.

**9. Updates (if any) on:**

- Eco Church: The Methodist Chapel now has a small recycling station. Work has continued in the Churchyard which has been inundated with birdwatchers. RC had circulated some great pictures of birds in the churchyard. They are liaising with an organisation re the health of a yew tree. A bird box is being put up. RC will make a laminated display of pictures, etc. JA has been so far prevented by weather to carry out the strimming
- EV Charging Point: the village hall committee are now in a position to go ahead once a final decision is made.
- Annual Survey: JH will re-circulate the latest version
- Bike project for publicity. We now have two suitable bikes. MH is creating a board to put on each bike where events/new etc. can be advertised. – one bike has a box on the back. We will hopefully have them at the Fete. MS offered to provide some blackboard paint.
- Water testing – JH is still pursuing but has not progressed very far.

**10. Any other business/ideas:** MH will write a brief article about the litter picking and stag beetle work with pics for the Parish Papers.

JA mentioned that the Annual Parish Meeting will be on 29<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30 at the Village Hall – it will be an opportunity to share news of GHGW activities with residents.:

**11. Next Meeting: 7.00 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> April at the Methodist Church.**