



Minutes of the meeting of GHGW held on Monday 13th May at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church

Present: S. Hooton (SH), G. Laws (GL), J. Hazlewood (JH), M Holmes (MH), C. Holmes (CH), A. King (AK), M. Good (MG)

Apologies: S. Steer, Kathy Smith, Sarah Peck

1. There were no **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda:

2. **Annual Fete:- 1st June** - final arrangements – space required 2 gazebos – will establish at the events team meeting on Thursday. We have access to two gazebos. Set up at 10 a.m. JH, AK and SH able to be at the set-up. SH will provide the mini-bug roll, the bowling, etc. We will display the banner and various pieces of information. AK will supply business cards with Greener Holbrook on one side and blank on the other. MH & CH will source a branch and some twine to hang pledges on. SH will bring memory game of greener tips which might help people think of pledges. MH will bring bunting. SH will contact Bethany from Babergh. AK would like a good copy of the logo which MH will locate and supply. MH & CH will provide some vegan food wrappings and packets as examples of vegan food which can be purchased locally.

3. **Progress on EV Charging point:** Les Jolley had sent SH documentation on the EV charging point. Although substantial, information is missing which L. Jolley is chasing or querying. LJ rightly wants all the relevant points answered before signing an agreement or committing to anything. It was agreed that it is important that any installation is right for the whole community. Information is being sought from Stutton re their EV charging point. SH said that the EV point which may eventually be installed would probably be mid-range.

4. **Updates on:**

- Annual Survey: encourage members of GHGW to complete online and feedback. The link is: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/CDFL2P/> This will also be launched at the Fete.
- Warmer Homes Holbrook: publicity updated, but no further on. Now dealt with entirely by SCC and Travis Perkins.
- Eco Church: The exterior near the footings of All Saints has been weeded. Work is being done to enhance the place where people sit. A few volunteers have come on the first Sunday of each month to work

on the churchyard and have carried out various tasks. A lot of the areas which have been left now have wild flowers. Eco Church surveys are being accessed by Rob for All Saints. CH is following up the Methodist survey which is close to getting the bronze award. There is encouraging growth on the north facing wall of the chapel. MH & CH will design and plant an area which will be pollinating and manageable.

- Water Testing: this has been carried out fortnightly and the results recently were better. Manningtree has been designated a wild swimming area and will have nationally funded testing and support. This should definitely help Holbrook and the rest of villages on the Stour..
- Eco frenzy talk: fixed for Friday 11th October at 7.30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to support and publicise. Article to go into Parish Papers for August/September issue. It will be funded so no entry charge, but donations will be invited. Any surplus will go towards improving the biodiversity within the village. JH will check with Holbrook Society that they would be happy to hold funds for green issues.

5. Any Other Business/ideas: Kerbside recycling is coming to Babergh in 2025. Cllr Mary McLaren asked MH to share the idea with the GHGW group.

Green Tips: CH will send JH the green tips published in the last parish papers for the noticeboard. MG suggested highlighting any TV programmes of interest to the group on a noticeboard or the Facebook page. SH will follow up with Suzanne to see if Lisa Chatfield would be happy to provide an article for GHGW page in the Parish Papers.

MH encouraged people to get the Merlin app on phones which identifies different varieties of birdsong.

6. Next Meeting: 10th June at the Methodist Church