



Minutes of GHGW held on Monday 9th December at 7.00 p.m. at The Methodist Church.

**Present: R. Collett (RC) J. Hazlewood (JH), C. Holmes (CH) M. Holmes (MH)
S. Hooton (SH), G. Laws (GL), S. Peck (SP) M. Shenton (MS)**

Apologies were received from S. Steer

1. **Matters/Actions** arising from the previous meetings not included in Agenda: there were no matters which were not on the Agenda.
2. **Storytelling project:** SH reported that the project was progressing
3. **Greener Arts Festival – review:** SH said the films of “**Wilding**” and “**Six Inches of Soil**” were both good films, but the latter had a poor attendance. Equally, there was limited participation for the “close up with trees” event on the Reade Field MS said that the sounds event had been postponed for a week due to a storm and had 7 attendees when re-scheduled. Unfortunately, the storytelling at The Bowls Club had no attendees. Although generally the attendance was disappointing, it was agreed that lessons have been learned for the future. We need a longer lead up and more visual publicity, and it was agreed that the time of year may not have been ideal as there was a clash with lots of other events. There was some good pictures of the tree event on the Reade Field. There was a brief discussion on how to get young people involved. JH mentioned that JA was hoping to form a Youth Parish Council and maybe members could get involved with GHGW. MS suggested organising a dawn chorus walk and it was agreed that another listening walk would be welcomed.
4. **Stag Beetle Refuge** – it has been scarified a seeded and still awaiting a working party from GHGW to install the posts to form a barrier around the area.
5. **Allotments/Community Orchard:** discussions with landowners, including Greenwich were still to take place. JH reported that the trees originally planned for the cul-de-sac at Clifton Wood had been rejected due to underground pipework, etc.
- 6 **Litter pick:** 4th or 5th Jan at 9.30 at Holbrook Creek. The Parish Council has equipment, but participants would be encouraged to bring their own gloves (ideally gardening gloves). JH will send an email to confirm date

7. Peninsula Greener Network event: SH will revise the outline plans which can then be shared with the Peninsula Alliance of Parish Councils to see if there is interest.

8. Updates on:

- Eco Church: “No mow” areas need mowing at All Saints. The beech tree has been cut down, as has a yew. 10 Swift boxes have now been collected, donated by Bunzl – some for the Methodist Chapel with the possibility of using some in another site. Bunzl would like photos of boxes and members of GHGW, which could provide good publicity. Eddie Bathgate from Save Our Suffolk Swifts has organised the provision of the boxes. JA still to trim parts of the Churchyard. Methodist Steward and Minister to discuss insurance and safety regarding fitting of Swift boxes and sound device to building. MH/CH to provide brief outline of objectives and information about swifts and provision of habitat for Methodist Council (email to GL) before next week. MH/CH, in collaboration with Methodist, to research and organise safe and secure fitting of boxes and sound device once permission given around Jan/Feb 2025
- EV Charging Point: still awaiting the outcome of the Village Hall committee changing status to become an incorporated charity to facilitate the insurance required.
- Annual Survey: some copies had been completed during the Green Festival. It was agreed that maybe a table in the foyer of the Coop in the future could combine publicising a forthcoming event whilst promoting the survey.
- Bike project for publicity: a suitable bike was still to be sourced as the bike offered was considered to be too good for the purpose. GL mentioned that there were several bikes at the Foxhall Refuse facility and he would check on his next visit. Everyone to keep an eye out
- Water testing: JH was hoping to meet Simon Harley to discuss and she would also try and contact the Manningtree Mermaids for their expertise.

9. Next Meeting: It was agreed that a January meeting might be too soon bearing in mind the Christmas period. The next meeting will therefore be on **Monday 10th February 2025 at 7.00 p.m. at the Methodist Church**