

Halesworth Millennium Green Trust

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**Notes from Trustees' Meeting
held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 25th January 2016
at Brook House, Quay Street, Halesworth**

Present

Trustees: John Bainer, Don Foster, Sal Jenkinson, Nicky Rowbottom, Richard Woolnough
Secretary: Judith Woolnough

1. There were no **Apologies**

2. The **Notes** of the last meeting were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. Trustees

Kelly had resigned on 11th January as she had moved to Dorset. It was agreed to bring names of possible replacements to the next meeting.

4. Finance Report

A copy of last year's accounts was circulated and it was explained that £3609.50 from Halesworth Town Council in July 2015 is made up of £2000 from Hopkin Homes for 'de-weeding' and £1609.50 remaining from previous New Reach Project in 1993.

The balance in Ipswich Building Society is £30,015.33 and the monthly Standing Orders now amount to £114. John had sent Awards for All the End of Grant Report and they have signed off the Grant.

Judith would look for details regarding the Co-operative Community Fund that Kelly looked into.

5. New Reach Project

At the last meeting in December a few Blyth Mews' residents suggested having a new New Reach Management Group separate from the Green. All agreed that this could cause severe problems with access and insurance apart from the fact that the New Reach had always been a high priority and an integral part of the Green. **Don and Richard** would attend the next meeting.

Richard and Gerald are meeting Will Akast and colleagues from the Environment Agency on 8th March regarding restoration work. They will ask for an explanation of any flood risk locally. Martha a regular Green user and volunteer for the Essex and Suffolk Rivers Trust will also attend.

Gerald has a quote from Tim Perkins for cutting 3 trees down at Patrick Stead Lock, the trees at Halesworth Lock need to be cut at the same time. There is no need for Gerald to fundraise as he suggested but it was agreed to let the Town Council know how the NRFund (as above) is being spent.

6. Signage

The Awards for All project has been delivered on time and in budget – leaflets, map, name plates, fingerposts and path surfacing.

The legs for the **noticeboard** have been made from oak from (Crispin) by C.W.Ellis of Holton who have been most helpful and not charged. It was agreed that **Sal** would give them some local beer and biscuits and feature them in a newspaper article at time of 'un-veiling'. These legs are now with the carver, Mary Perry in Norfolk.

Mike Jackson had suggested a fingerpost was needed at Mells crossing, this was agreed, Mike would be asked by **Sal** what to put on it and Paul would be asked to make it like the others.

On completion of the Project Mary Perry, Mark Larter from C.W.Ellis and Paul from Harrier Signs would be asked to attend an 'un-veiling' together with the local press.

The other side of the main signboard is still available for the Town Council.

7. Southwold Railway Trust

James Hewett had sent a detailed account of work done and to do at the Engine Shed site. There was a suggestion that reinstating the pumping platform would require planning permission but nobody was against the idea although concern was raised that it shouldn't be a structure that would encourage inappropriate use. **Sal** would check with James exactly what they are planning.

Alan Holzer, Halesworth historian, has stated that the rails on the bridge were found at the foot of the bank in the Folly and so now belong to HMG and can be re-sited at the Engine Shed. SRT would be responsible for all maintenance.

It was agreed to have SRT interpretation at the bridge and shed, Judith to send Sal Sarah Wroot's draft of board at engine shed from 2002. James also suggested a launch when project finished.

8. Management

Louise's pond had been dug in L shape, just needed shelving sides. The material had been used to block the adjacent dyke to raise the water level.

Recent work at the **lily seat** had survived the flooding.

Two Acres and Swan Lane paths were in good condition.

It was agreed that the **maze** would be mown and not planted with willow.

Don had a price for cutting and carting material on **Chestnut meadow** but would ask Graham if this should be done and if he knows anyone to do it.

Charlie has a **kestrel box**, **Richard** would ask Tim Perkins to put it in the chestnut tree

The **orchard** fruited well this year, winter pruning had started, some hazels had been coppiced. It was agreed to have a species identification sign or signs. **Sal**

9. Volunteers

6 volunteers had been on a **Leadership Training** and a follow-up meeting had been arranged for Monday 1st February to discuss the way forward. Tabards for vols to be discussed.

Sal to ask Paul Hyden if he would be interested in doing a feasibility study on putting a container for tools somewhere on the Green, Blyth meadow (too conspicuous) and Arthur's Wood (low visibility, difficult access) had already been suggested. Richard had found flat-packed so access not such a problem. The Woolnough's garage was 5m x 3m.

10. Events

Gillie had organised the stall at the **Lions' Fayre** together with Gill, Jane McGeehan, Paul Smy and Vic. Despite the awful weather they raised both the profile of the Green and £150. However they decided it was not worth doing again because of the relatively low footfall and suggested one at the Antique Fair in August.

It was agreed to buy a **gazebo** for events, **Nicky and Sal** to look into this

Winter Glow Worms Festival organised by Maryelah from the Library on Sunday 14th February – 12-2.30 for children's craft club followed at 5 pm for lantern walk to the community orchard for music by Oxblood Molly.

Sing to the Trees, organised by Jayne Watkins in the community orchard, would be in April – date and time to be arranged.

Halesworth in Bloom – Tamsyn determined to enter the Green for conservation. She would enter portfolio but asked for a Green presence on judging day.

Banner would be discussed at next meeting.

11. Website

A meeting was arranged for the following Wednesday to resume the work on this. It was agreed that if any funding was required the Trustees would be notified by email.

12. Rights of Way

Sal was pursuing the dedication of Rails' End and Bensley's Drift with Suffolk County Council.

13. Date of next meeting

Monday 9th May at 7 pm at Brook House.

The meeting ended with thanks to John and Sue for their hospitality.