

Halesworth Millennium Green Trust

Registered charity no. 1079518

**Notes from Trustees' Meeting
held at 7.00 p.m. on Monday 16th January 2017
at Brook House, Quay Street, Halesworth**



Present

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

1. There were no **Apologies**

2. The **Notes** of the last meeting

Matters Arising

5b. Richard to check with Graham Peck about verification of Japanese Knotweed outside Blyth Mews and report back to Gillie Coulson and the Mews Group.

5d. Sal would keep reminding Sustrans about the transfer of Two Acres to the Trust.

9c. Mick agreed the picnic bench could be disposed of.

9d. All agreed an Orchard sign was not necessary and were pleased that all the trees were having individual oak labels.

RW
SJ
RW

3. Chair of Trustees Sal wished to retire as Chair but gave the Trustees a list of jobs she would be happy to continue doing as a Trustee and Volunteer. All expressed their enormous appreciation for all that she had done during her 5 years in office and were very pleased she was remaining a Trustee. John Bainer nominated Don Foster to be Chair of the Trustees and Paul Hyden to be Chair of the Management Support Group, all in favour.

An email would be sent to the Volunteers with this information.

JW

4. Finance John gave a report for the last year: Total Income £10,442.83 which includes Grants from Big Lottery Fund of £2,895 and from Adnams of £1,500 towards the Storage Container; Government Agricultural Schemes £3,864; Standing Orders £1,363 and Donations £573.29.

Total Expenditure £3,627.86

It was agreed to order the two signposts for Mells crossing and Folly engine shed and buy posts to make the vertical area signs horizontal (eg Folly)

It was agreed to send a Thank You to donors saying how their income had been spent and to thank the Standing Order donors in one of the monthly Community News articles

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5. Management

a. Tool Storage Report Paul said that the site was ready and MRA were waiting for the ground conditions to be suitable before they ordered and delivered the containers, possibly April.

b. New Reach Further to the meeting with Environment Agency in March 2016, and Will Akast's subsequent "ideas to improve river habitats", Paul and Richard would work out a proposal to be put before the Management Support Group

Sean Woods from EA had informed Trustees they would be doing "channel improvement works around the Green" in the next two months. EA cannot get machinery onto Chestnut meadow so it was agreed that the Volunteers would continue clearing the inaccessible parts of the New Reach.

Gerald Burns (New Reach Working Group) to be kept informed. The next liaison meeting with the Group is February

Richard had a site meeting with Ivan Downs regarding taking trees down at Halesworth Lock. Ivan was in agreement and would take the wood.

c. Chestnut meadow further to the discussion at the Management Support Group all agreed that as there would be no further grazing on this meadow the barbed wire fence along the side of the New Reach would be removed; the path around the meadow would be kept mown and wider; the verges either side of the Track would be mown wider and increasingly widened depending on volunteer time.

PH
RW

It was proposed that part of Angel meadow would be developed into a thicket fencing out rabbits and deer and planting up with thorn scrub where necessary.

Graham Johnson would be informed of these proposals

RW

d. Orchard Group Nicky reported that Training had been given to 6 volunteers by Ufford Crown Nurseries; the apples and pears would be pruned in February; a quince and medlar had been planted in the "extension" and all Trustees agreed that special secateurs should be purchased and kept separately in the Container.

NR

6. Events

a. Annual Open Meeting It was agreed to hold this on Sunday 2nd July to coincide with Halesworth in Bloom's Hooker Centenary celebration over the weekend of 1/2 July - "Hooker Scientific camp" – Sal would inform Tamsyn (Bloom); Sal would also ask Graham Peck (flora) and John Baker (amphibians) if they would help with identification.

SJ

Judith would try and locate an old canvas tent.

JW

b. Winterlight A Festival of Light will be held on Sunday 12th February with lantern making in the library between 12 and 2.30 then Oxblood Molly dancing at 4.30 and leading a lantern-lit procession to the wherry on Folly meadow.

NR

SJ

An email would be sent requesting Vols help.

SJ&JW

c. Community meadow cutting It was queried whether there were enough tools to have a community cutting/raking/forking event on Chestnut meadow and that perhaps if latitude field of Folly meadow could be cut and baled by machine then the Vols would be able to cut Chestnut meadow as **5c.** above.

d. Hooker Scientific camp see **a.**

e. Katrin John had met with Katrin (1st Halesworth Scouts' Beaver leader) and gone through the list of queries from the Trustees regarding her Easter event on the Green to help raise funds for her 25day expedition to South Africa with UK Explorer and Network Scouts. There were no problems and John will meet with her again in March to firm up details.

JB

It was agreed to help with putting supplied publicity posters along the Track.

SJ

7. Any Other Business

a. World Land Trust Trustees were invited to meet with a delegation from NATURA, a Turkish conservation organisation visiting WLT on February 21st. They are coming to see how private and public reserves are run in the UK. Nicky and Richard had agreed to meet them on the Green.

NR&RW

b. Dog mess There is much concern regarding the increase of dog mess left on the Green (and generally in town) and Judith had purchased a can of fluorescent paint to spray it.

JW

b. Bloom gift Karen Prime from Edwards restaurant had asked local businesses to donate a gift to thank Tamsyn, organiser of Bloom. Tamsyn decided to share them out between various people/organisations involved and for the Green Sal received a bag, chocs and two tickets for 'drink and cake for two at Edwards' – it was decided to give these to Mike and Juliet and Gillie and Vic.

SJ

c. The Track A representative from Regional Sustrans had visited the Green and reported that he was most impressed with the state of the Track and it was the best in the area. Many thanks to Mike and Juliet for their work on the upkeep.

8. Date of next meeting Monday 22nd May at **7.30** p.m. at Brook House.

The meeting closed at 9 pm with grateful thanks to John and Sue for their hospitality.