

Shipton by Beningbrough Parish Council
Shipton Wildflower Woods

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Minutes of meeting 09/01/25

Present: John Farbrother, John Hartshorne, Adrian Salton, Jim Gittings, Anne King,
Branwen Farbrother, Debbie Evans, Simon Llyod-Jones, Ruth King

	<u>Action</u>
1. Apologies: Melanie Forster, Stephen Reynolds, Betty Hiles	
2. Previous minutes approved.	
3. Matters arising - none	
4. Thistle results - A trial was conducted by a number of the committee, digging out thistles from the field and field margins. Following this, it was decided that future policy should be to dig out thistles from the field itself and cut them from the field margins. This should be done before seeding can take place to reduce further spread.	
5. Work party - To involve the wider community, it was agreed that we should have a field maintenance day once a month over the growing season. This will be the first Saturday in the month, 10.30 - 11.30am, over the growing season, starting April 5th. We will put out news on WhatsApp.	JF
6. Hedge and Ditch Maintenance - JF to ask Ian Pears (farm manager from Shdden farms) and David Blacker (from other neighbouring farm) if they can do it. JH thinks we won't need to maintain the ditches from the council's perspective.	JF
7. Running track update - Shipton Space has council approval to apply to Yorkshire Green for finance to construct a running track around the playing field. This would give us a wheelchair accessible path up to the edge of our field. We will get a quote to see if the same company that build the track can put a perforated drainage pipe into the ditch and cover with the spoil. This would help them with spoil disposal and help us with access/bridge into the field.	
8. Webpages, social media and google docs - <ul style="list-style-type: none">○ A reminder was given to upload any new photos to Google.○ There is a 'register of sightings' spreadsheet in Google sheets. AK will share this with us and then we can input bird sightings etc from our phones on the field (with the date and our initials). Just one record per month requested.○ There are also slides of the minutes and a timeline on Google slides. AK is downloading all of this onto a USB as additional backup.○ AK and JF have put together content for a website. Photos for the website are in a separate folder, so that KR can access and drop them in easily. Simon Rigg is helping with this. Launch hopefully this summer.○ MF is running our Instagram and Facebook feed.	AK
9. AOB - £108 in, none out since the last meeting. We have still not had a bill from the seed supplier. Since it seems clear that they do not intend to bill us, this gives us an extra £680.	
10. Next meeting: Thursday 27th March 2025, 7pm, Millstone Yard Lobby.	