

Shipton by Beningbrough Parish Council
Shipton Wildflower Woods

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Minutes of meeting 27/03/25

Present: John Farbrother, John Hartshorne, Ruth King, Adrian Salton, Anne King, Branwen Farbrother, Debbie Evans, Simon Llyod-Jones, Stephen Reynolds, Melanie Forster, Mike Wood

	Action
1. Apologies: Tim Addyman	
2. Previous minutes approved. Matters arising - The Sheddens contractor (Ian) has agreed to cut the West and South hedge for us for free. He will send a quote for the rest of the hedge to the Parish Council. He recommends that we don't let it get too high.	
3. Digital update - AK has organised and filed everything onto Google. Kate Rigg has volunteered to put this onto the website, but finding time is tricky. The record of sightings spreadsheet has been shared and AK encourages us to use it.	KR
4. Work party - Objectives for first working party 5th April - suggestions: thistle pull, fix stakes, collect tubes, collect boulders, clear silt trap in ditch, check whether posts need repairing. Suggested seed sowing one evening in April.	JF
5. Running track update - Shipton Space has not heard back from Yorkshire Green yet regarding £20,000. The Contractor has updated their prices. The work could take place this summer. Adding drainage with a perforated pipe was going to add considerably to the costs, so the plan is now to just fill the ditch with the excavated topsoil.	
6. See above.	
7. Finances - There is £7,947 in our account currently. The committee approved a policy of spending £4000 (half) of our money and keeping the rest in reserve, as the need arises. AS agreed to buy 6 trugs ready for the working party weekend.	AS
8. AOB - JF represented SWW at the Poppleton Biodiversity Group Meeting to talk about our journey. They are thinking about creating a wildflower meadow. JF impressed on them the importance of involving people. We also discussed visiting Forest of Flowers again, perhaps on one of our work party days? It was suggested that we may need an official composting area. It was also proposed that we may want to join the Blue Heart campaign, but that more investigation is needed.	
9. Next meeting: Thursday 19th June 2025, 7pm, Millstone Yard Lobby.	