

Shipton Wildflower Woods

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Minutes of meeting 07/03/23

Present: John Farbrother, Adrian Salton, Ruth King, Branwen Farbrother, Debbie Evans, Melanie Forster, Kate Rigg, Anne King, Alwyn Craven, Jackie Igoe, Chris Igoe, Jim

	<u>Action</u>
1. Apologies: Simon Llyod-Jones, Stephen Reynolds, John Hartshorne	
2. Previous minute approved.	
3. Seed order and sowing. Seed sub-committee recommended ordering 100 % flower seed (no grass), with 40 kg perennial and 2 kg annual. This will allow trees to establish when they go in and provide a long term meadow and some flowers this year for instant impact. Original idea of using Boston Seed was rejected due to poor seed supply experienced by AC. Final decision to use 16 kg General Purpose Mix Wildflowers from Naturescape (better quality and lower seed sowing rate allows for less seed) and 2 kg seed from Forest of Flowers. Seed to be mixed with bran to allow even distribution when sowing. Ian Pears from Shedden Farms to harrow the soil before sowing and roll after. Seed will be hand-sown. Members of the committee will meet to perfect technique and decide how to divide up the field to ensure even sowing. Forest of Galtres School will be contacted to involve school children in the sowing.	JF, RK, AS, KR
4. Fundraising. Total raised so far = £5,630.60 A new fundraising target will be needed with specific goals in mind. Suggestions include equipment, special trees, fencing, drainage and accessibility. To be discussed further at a later date.	BF
5. A Windsor Oak has been donated by Richard.	
6. KR and Simon Rigg are working on a website. They have linked facebook and Instagram feeds to the site to keep it updated. MF did the original work and will take over the new page as social media coordinator.	KR, MF
7. Next meeting: Monday 12th June, Millstone Yard.	