

Shipton Wildflower Woods

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Minutes of meeting 12/06/23

Present: John Farbrother, Adrian Salton, Ruth King, Branwen Farbrother, Debbie Evans, Melanie Forster, Kate Rigg, Alwyn Craven, John Hartshorne, Betty Hiles, Tim Addyman, Jim Gittings

	<u>Action</u>
1. Apologies: Simon Llyod-Jones, Stephen Reynolds, Anne King	
2. Previous minutes approved with amendment to show actual seed suppliers (16kg perennials from Emorsgate, 12kg annuals from Eden Project, 2kg mixed perennials and annuals from Forest of Flowers).	
3. Shared vision of SWW in fifty years time discussed in order to guide our progress from here. A focus on wildlife rather than edible trees such as apples was preferred, with a mix of tree sizes. There was general agreement that education should form part of the plan for the future. The form this takes can be decided as the woodland develops. Some trees could be sponsored/memorial trees.	
4. All agreed that the current layout as drawn on the plans by Ruth and Adrian were good, perhaps with some extra paths. <ul style="list-style-type: none">o An area for larger, sponsored trees needs to be considered.o Protection from rabbits/deer needs consideration. The Woodland Trust will probably supply basic, small tree guards. More substantial protection will be needed for any special trees.o A list of desired species has been drawn up by Ruth. Alwyn recommends a spacing of at least 3m between trees to allow for growth. We need to work out the total number of trees needed, based on area, then work out the % of each species to calculate the number of each species needed.o We think we are likely to have a 90% survival rate. Alwyn only lost about 1200 out of 42000 trees (~3%). A sub-group was formed with Ruth, Adrian, Kate and Simon, to agree on a list of species, calculate numbers needed and add some more paths to the plan. They will meet and present their ideas on site to interested parties before the next meeting. Ruth will contact the Woodland Trust to check which species they can supply and the time-scale for ordering. If an order needs to be made before the next meeting, this will be organised and agreed by email.	AS RK, KR, AS, SLJ RK
5. It has been a year since the SWW committee was formed. Stephen has said in a letter to John F. that he wishes to step down from his	

position as treasurer. John F. proposed this and Kate seconded it. Branwen was proposed as treasurer by Ruth and seconded by John H. Anne has discussed and agreed to take on the role of education officer prior to the meeting. This was proposed by Branwen and seconded by Melanie. This leaves this committee as follows:

- Chair - John Farbrother
- Secretary - Debbie Evans
- Treasurer and Fundraiser - Branwen Farbrother
- Social Media Officer - Melanie Forster
- Communications Officer - Kate Rigg
- Education Officer - Anne King
- Parish Council representative - John Hartshorne

6. Fundraising has gone well. Our finances currently stand as:

- Total raised £7,735.05
- Expenses £4,760.62
- Balance £2,974.43 (note: the cost of the seeds still needs to come out of this figure)

Branwen has had no response from the Lions yet. An application has been made to be one of the good causes offered on the Coop card, which we will hear back from at the end of July. There is a new NY Council, from whom we can nominate ourselves for an award. If successful, we will be evaluated in July. There is an award ceremony for the top three, with the winner receiving around £1000. We need to decide what to do about sponsored trees.

BF

Upcoming costs may include tree guards, a mower and a means to water any larger trees. John H. will talk to Richard Padget of Thorpe Trees to find out the cost and environmental impact of the larger 1.2m tree guards. We need to find someone willing to mow paths for us this year, before buying a mower in the future. We could water specific trees using water bags and fundraise for this next year.

JH

7. AOB.

- Alwyn suggests that we carry out Baseline Surveys of wildlife to assess the environmental impact. These need to be easily repeatable. We could take part in the Big Butterfly Count in July. Moths and birds could also be surveyed. We could also have a whatsApp group to report sightings. Ideas about this will be shared by email.
- Kate requests pictures, newsletters, scans of Betty's cards etc to upload to the new website. She will give more detailed feedback and information about the new website in the next meeting.
- John H. will try to identify who is responsible for the Hedges and ditches around the site.

All committee

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JH

8. Next meeting: Monday 11th September, Milestone Yard, 7 pm.