

Shipton Wildflower Woods

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Minutes of meeting 11/09/23

Present: John Farbrother, Adrian Salton, Ruth King, Simon Llyod-Jones, Branwen Farbrother, Debbie Evans, John Hartshorne, Betty Hiles, Tim Addyman, Anne King, Susan Warren

	<u>Action</u>
1. Apologies: Stephen Reynolds, Kate Rigg	
2. Previous minutes approved.	
3. <u>Tree planting</u> : We will aim to plant trees at half-term (28th Oct-5th Nov), with a planning weekend on 21st-22nd Oct. This will be dependent on when the trees are delivered. We will aim to plant 70% of trees now and 30% next Autumn. RK presented the plans for which trees will be planted in which areas. The tree order will be placed with Peter Leeson from the Woodland Trust. They will supply basic tree guards. JH has spoken with Thorpe trees, who can supply deer height tree guards for £2.50 per tree, if we are getting the trees from them. They can also supply us larger trees for sponsorship at a discounted rate if we would like them. There was some discussion about whether we need deer-proof tree guards, with mixed opinions expressed. The technique decided on for tree planting was to mark out the perimeter of each area, and then use a rope or cane of 3m to give the distances between trees. The edges can be measured with a laser. <u>Mowing</u> : Alwyn has suggested that we would not need to mow this year. We can trample the paths and plant amongst the flowers. <u>Seed collection</u> : JF has gained experience of seed collection at Forest of Flowers. SLJ can keep an eye on the seed and let JF know when it is ripe and ready for collection. A mix of SWW seed could be sold in packets to raise money.	RK/JF
4. <u>Fundraising</u> : Total raised = £8,711.05 Expenses = £4,796.68 Balance = £3,914.37 The seed order from the Eden project has not yet been paid for. Money has come in from a donation from the Lions and from card sales. AK is organising a fundraising tea towel from Stuart Morris. The children at Forest of Galtres Primary have drawn pictures to put on it. Some of the committee also drew a few pictures. The tea towels	JF/SLJ BF AK

<p>cost roughly £2 each. We will order 500 and sell them for £7 each or 2 for £12.</p> <p>AS may make log reindeers to sell for Christmas.</p> <p>BH is painting some more pictures of wildflowers from the actual flowers in the meadow.</p> <p>5. <u>Social Media</u>: MF has put several photos up on Instagram. We could put a QR code link on some paper with the tea towels and on the egg stand. We also need to keep telling people about our social media.</p> <p>6. <u>AOB: Hedges</u>: the Sheddens have already cut the hedges that border their land. Blacker has not cut his hedges yet. Matthew (who supplies the eggs) has suggested we let the hedges grow taller to encourage wildlife. We need to have conversations with the Sheddens and Blacker in advance of hedge cutting season next year.</p> <p>7. Social at John and Branwen's Monday 11th December 7pm. Bring a dish.</p>	<p>AS BH</p> <p>MF</p>
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