

Shipton Wildflower Woods

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Minutes of meeting 08/02/24

Present: John Farbrother, Adrian Salton, Ruth King, Branwen Farbrother, Debbie Evans,
Simon Llyod-Jones, Anne King, Tim Addyman, Jim Gittings, Gary Craig

	<u>Action</u>
1. Apologies: Kate Rigg, John Hartshorne	
2. Previous minutes approved. Matters arising - 400 tea towels ordered instead of 500. The tree guards supplied were of the larger type.	
3. Tree planting. The field has been too wet for planting. The trees have been healed-in in Martin's polytunnel in the village and are being watered by SLJ. A corner of the SWW field has been marked out with stakes by JF, RK and SLJ, placed roughly 3m apart in the positions that the trees will be planted. The current aim is to get more stakes in position, while we wait for conditions to improve. The possibility of planting the first few trees, in the top corner where it is drier, was discussed for Saturday 17th February, with Adrian's daughter to plant the first one. JF will keep an eye on the weather and the conditions and email the rest of us if this can go ahead.	JF
4. The Yorkshire Arboretum Hybrid Elms. John Grimshaw from the Yorkshire Arboretum offered us six hybrid elm trees to plant (after being put in touch with us by Richard Scott from The Eden Project). These are part of a research project to test for resistance to Dutch elm disease. JF has been liaising with John Grimshaw and went to collect the trees earlier today. RK will contact him to find out whether they need to be planted together or separately and ask for more details of the project.	RK
5. Fundraising. Total raised so far £9,307.05. Total expenses £5,824.05. We have yet to pay for the seed from the Eden Project as we still have not received an invoice.	
Richard Scott and Peter Leeson (The Woodland Trust) have put us in touch with a woman called Hannah Senior from BPS international, who is involved in tree research around the world. She would like to donate some money to offset her carbon footprint. We do not currently have a figure for this. JF is in email contact. RK suggested that we could use the money to purchase some of the trees from the original list that were not included in the gift from The Woodland Trust.	
There are three people who have expressed an interest in donating trees in memory of someone. We have not yet decided how to do this, but it will probably involve showing the location of the trees on a map or with the What3words app. We are currently asking them to wait. We have decided	

to put this on hold until next year.

The tea towels have sold well, with 127 sold and £557 made (a few people paid extra). We are only £47 (7 tea towels) away from breaking even. Shipton Space are now buying tea towels to include in their 'Welcome to the village' pack, so we expect to be in profit soon.

Adrian's homemade Xmas reindeer sold brilliantly and made £200.

Sales of jams, marmalades and cards are ongoing and we have a steady income from Easy fundraising, which we hope to start receiving soon..

6. AOB. AS has suggested that we make an asset register when we start acquiring them, so that we can keep track of them. It was suggested that we could approach Wernick (company based in Shipton who have previously been generous to village projects) to ask if they would donate a storage shed that we could place next to the community centre (if we get permission). These are items that we agreed we should discuss in more depth in a future meeting, including drawing up a list of desired/needed assets eg strimmer, mower, bowser.

AK suggested that we share the minutes on GoogleDocs.

BF suggested having an AGM and making an event of it. We need to find out if it needs to be after a year or can be after 18 months.

7. Next meeting: Thursday 9th May, Milestone Yard, 7 pm.

John Faulstich - 9.5.24

D. Evans