

Shipton by Beningbrough Parish Council
Shipton Wildflower Woods

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Minutes of meeting 09/05/24

Present: John Farbrother, Adrian Salton, Ruth King, Branwen Farbrother, Debbie Evans, Simon Llyod-Jones, Anne King, John Hartshorne, Melanie Forster, Stephen Reynolds, Tim Addyman, Jim Gittings.

	<u>Action</u>
1. Apologies: Kate Rigg, Betty Hiles	
2. Previous minutes approved. Matters arising - none	
3. Tree planting. All the trees have now been planted. JF thanked RK and SLJ for all their behind the scenes work planning and their help with planting. A total of 86 people were involved with the planting. Only 6 trees are not growing currently. TA will plant an oak tree in memory of his brother (European Turkey Oak). We need to protect the bigger trees ASAP, before the deer find them. It was agreed that a few of the committee would meet on Friday at 6pm to install posts and chicken wire.	JF, RK, SLJ + a few others
4. Paths. It was decided that paths need to be marked out to later be mown/strimmed (about 90cm wide). JF to check when free and organise around mid-June. We will need to create ways across the ditches and put in pipes.	JF
5. Hedges and ditches. The Sheddens will do/have done the N and W sides and tops. PC will talk to Blacker about S side ditch and hedge. Working party needed in November to cut the hedge. Need to discuss further the height of the hedge and maybe purchase a pole hedge trimmer. We also need to keep communicating with the Sheddens.	
6. Hiring v Buying. It may be better to hire than to buy. We need to investigate the cost of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">o Pole hedge trimmero Strimmero Scythe	
7. Storage. John has spoken to Wernicks about a storage facility. He was keen to provide something for a favourable rate. We might not need it if we hire equipment.	JF
8. AGM. We want a separate AGM. JH suggested that JF comes to speak to the PC to say what has been done. We could have a celebration and an AGM in the summer, end of June/beginning of July. Book hall and then go down to the field? 30th June, 5pm? TBC. JF to book.	
9. Finances. We still haven't been invoiced for the flowers. Tea towel sales have now covered the costs with 144 sold and £56 profit	

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inclusion in the Shipton Space welcome pack).	
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| <p>10. Social media. We have had about 150 views of our videos, not sure how many shares. Reels go out more widely. Could we do a time lapse reel? KR is able to take time off work for charity work and would like to use this for the SWW website. JF will provide her with info. KR's husband is currently doing the website for free. We discussed looking at funding this in the future. AK suggested adding questions to posts to encourage interaction on Facebook and Instagram. Eg put out a question each week (what is this plant?) and answer the following week.</p> <p>11. AOB. Can the children at Forest of Galtres School do anything in volunteering week? Bug hotel from pallets suggested. Could we get a Bee hive? Safety and wildlife concerns (honey bees out-compete wild pollinators). Could we install a wildlife camera? JF may be able to obtain one for free.</p> <p>12. Next meeting: AGM, date TBA. Social get together: Thursday 13th, 7pm Dawnay Arms.</p> | |
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