

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING RECORD
14 APRIL 2022

Attendees

Caroline Underwood CU , Chair	Richard Salmon RS
Pam Fraser PF	Joshua Harris JH
	Melanie Storey MS , Secretary

Item 1 Record of the Last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved
- The Chair informed the Group that members Pauline Steel and Amy Burbidge will be standing down as Councillors; she thanked them for their contribution to the group which had been forward thinking and significant
- Action review:

No	Action Description	Status/Update
26.1	MS to organise a check of the Slow Ways route between Huntingdon and St Neots	Outstanding, JH agreed to help with this action
27.1	CU and MS to progress an application for the designation of a new public right of way	Closed, superseded by action 29.3
29.1	MS to add an item to the next meeting's agenda covering the allocation of footpaths for the annual check	Completed, see Item 2
29.2	All to try and encourage people to volunteer to join the Footpath Working Party	On-going
29.3	MS to arrange for the submission to Cambridgeshire County Council of the applications for a new Public Right of Way once 20 have been received	Completed, applications submitted
29.4	RS to arrange for the work on the footpath posts to be completed before the beginning of April	Outstanding
29.5	CU to arrange for the May national events to be publicised	Completed, in Roundabout
29.6	PF to draft a notice for publication about 'No Mow May'	Completed, in Roundabout and on website
29.7	MS to redraft the identified sections of the Tree Strategy	Completed
29.8	CU to request that the map and QR codes are added to the draft 'Talking Trees and Bees' leaflet	On-going
29.9	All to read the Biodiversity Strategy for discussion at the next meeting	See Item 3
29.10	MS to add an item to the next meeting's agenda covering actions for the Parish Council arising from the Biodiversity Strategy	See Item 3
29.11	CU to arrange to meet RS to discuss the Biodiversity Strategy	Completed
	Actions to be Monitored	
16.2	MS to distribute Round About Buckden leaflets and to record their take-up	Library supplied with complete set of leaflets

Item 2 Green Infrastructure

- For the annual footpath check in July, the following allocation of paths was agreed
 - RS: B9, B12, B14
 - JH: B5, D13, D14, D15
 - PF: B1, B2, B4
 - MS: B3, B6, B7, B8, B11, B13, B15, D1, D2, D5, D6, D11, D18
 - It was noted that D12 has fallen out of use and will not be checked
- It was noted members of the Footpath Working Party are beginning to send it condition reports
- CU reported back from the recently held Quarry Liaison Group meeting
 - Quarrying is likely to cease within 2 years
 - The new route in Diddington around the lake is due to be launched this summer; this will involve rerouting footpath D1
 - The path will be open to walkers and cyclists
 - Bird hides are being erected at points around the lake

Action 30.1 MS to send out the annual footpath check template with last year's completed report

Action 30.2 CU to send the Group the list of footpaths currently covered by volunteers

Action 30.3 MS to contact Cambs CC to see when the definitive map will be updated with the new route in Diddington

Action 30.4 CU to contact former Councillors to ascertain the process followed to create the current footpath map

Action 30.5 MS to add consideration of creating a new circular path, once the Diddington lake route is open, as an agenda item for a future meeting

Item 3 Biodiversity

- It was agreed the following national events would be highlighted in the Roundabout, on the Parish Council website and Facebook page:
 - 3 July International Plastic Bag Free Day
 - 28 July World Nature Conservation Day
- It was agreed to try and carry on the initiative of 'No Mow May' through discussion with the village handymen and the purchase of signs to explain why areas were being left unmown
- While some discussion has taken place, it was agreed that the Biodiversity Strategy and subsequent action plan would be the sole item under consideration at the next meeting
- It was agreed it would be of benefit to residents if a map of green spaces they could use was published, to include the new paths
- It was noted the Tree Strategy has been revised and agreed it would be signed off at the next meeting
- Greening Buckden
 - It was noted the areas that have been greened are Hunts End and the Churchyard last year and Morris Close this year; it was agreed these initiatives should be included in the Parish Council Annual Report
 - It was decided to focus on maintaining these areas at this time rather than to identify any additional sites

Action 30.6 CU to arrange for International Plastic Bag Free Day and World Nature Conservation Day to be highlighted in the Roundabout, on the Parish Council website and Facebook page

Action 30.7 CU to buy signs explaining why areas were being left unmown

Action 30.8 CU to identify areas that can be left unmown, in consultation with the village handymen

Action 30.9 MS to add consideration of creating a map of green spaces residents could use, once the Diddington lake route is open, as an agenda item for a future meeting

Action 30.10 MS to send the Group the revised Tree Strategy for comment so it can be signed off at the next meeting

Action 30.11 CU to include the Greening Buckden plantings at Hunts End, the Churchyard and Morris Close in the Parish Council's Annual Report

Item 4 Budget

- It was noted the new budget has been allocated

Item 5 AOB

- The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 24 May from 1915 hours at 55 High Street