

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING RECORD

7 MARCH 2022

Attendees

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

Apologies: Amy Burbidge

Item 1 Record of the Last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved
- 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	In progress, see Item 2
28.1	MS to circulate the annual list of national events to members of the Group and to include it as a standing item on future agendas with a view to promoting the events through the Roundabout and website	Completed, see Item 3
28.2	ALL to review calendar and send back ideas	Completed
28.3	MS to include deciding on the date of the 2022 footpath check as an agenda item for the next meeting	Completed, see Item 2
28.4	AB to place a request for volunteers to join the Footpath Working Party on Facebook in March	Completed
28.5	PS to create and distribute a flyer, requesting volunteers to join the Footpath Working Party, amongst the village's Slimming World group	Closed, decided to not take forward
28.6	MS to contact the organiser of the Village Litter Pick to see if there is scope to combine with monitoring the village footpaths	Completed, see Item 2
28.7	CU to contact the OVT to reiterate concerns over the erosion of the river bank under the new A14 bridge and to inform them of the possible creation of a solar farm behind the mill	Completed, see Item 2
28.8	MS to obtain the information on the Talking Trees and to circulate it to the Group	Completed, see Item 3
28.9	All to read the Tree Strategy in preparation of a review at the next meeting	Completed, see Item 3
28.10	MS to prepare an initial draft of the 'Talking Trees and Bees' leaflet	Completed, see Item 3
28.11	CU to circulate Biodiversity plan on receipt	Completed, see Item 3
	Actions to be Monitored	
16.2	MS to distribute Round About Buckden leaflets and	1,000 leaflets taken by the

	to record their take-up	public; need to include geocache website activity
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Item 2 Green Infrastructure

- It was agreed the annual footpath check would take place in July
- Footpath Working Party
 - Leaflets asking for volunteers were handed out at the last village litter picking session
 - Volunteers have been matched to footpaths but more volunteers are required
- National Highways has confirmed it will take action to address the erosion on the Ouse Valley Way under the A14 bridge
- 17 applications for a new Public Right of Way have been received and more are expected
- It was noted that the work on footpath posts and signs is planned to be completed before the beginning of April

Action 29.1 MS to add an item to the next meeting's agenda covering the allocation of footpaths for the annual check

Action 29.2 All to try and encourage people to volunteer to join the Footpath Working Party

Action 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

Action 29.4 RS to arrange for the work on the footpath posts to be completed before the beginning of April

Item 3 Biodiversity

- It was agreed the following national events would be highlighted in the Roundabout, on the Parish Council website and Facebook page:
 - 1-31 May: No Mow May
 - 2 May: International Dawn Chorus Day
 - 1-7 May: International Compost Awareness Week
 - 20 May: World Bee Day
- The sections of the Tree Strategy requiring review were identified
 - It was agreed a meeting of the Group in the summer would be dedicated to walking around the village to identify potential tree planting locations
- A text draft of the 'Greening Buckden' leaflet 'Talking Trees and Bees' has been created so now the map and QR codes will be added
- Biodiversity Strategy
 - A list of action for the village handymen is with the Parish Council Staffing Group for consideration
 - It was agreed that at the next meeting a list of actions for the Parish Council will be discussed
- Other biodiversity issues
 - A quote has been requested to remove stumps from the area of hedge in the High Street and to plant more native hedging
 - HDC has been notified of the fallen tree in the High Street; no response has been received
 - It was agreed the dead wood would be a good insect habitat so consideration should be given to leaving it in situ
 - It was confirmed that the weeds have been removed from the bottom of Morris Close and that wild flower seeds, along with bulbs, will be planted shortly
 - It was confirmed that the work arising from last year's the tree survey has been completed
 - It was confirmed that the work to address the issue of the willows restricting visibility on the road around the Mill has been completed

Action 29.5 CU to arrange for the May national events to be publicised

Action 29.6 PF to draft a notice for publication about 'No Mow May'

Action 29.7 MS to redraft the identified sections of the Tree Strategy

Action 29.8 CU to request that the map and QR codes are added to the draft 'Talking Trees and Bees' leaflet

Action 29.9 All to read the Biodiversity Strategy for discussion at the next meeting

Action 29.10 MS to add an item to the next meeting's agenda covering actions for the Parish Council arising from the Biodiversity Strategy

Action 29.11 CU to arrange to meet RS to discuss the Biodiversity Strategy

Item 4 Budget

- It was noted there has been no change to the previous budget situation

Item 5 AOB

- The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14 April from 1915 hours at 55 High Street