

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY GROUP MINUTES 2 JUNE 2026

Attendees

Caroline Underwood CU , Chair	Ray Magness RM
Richard Salmon RS	Melanie Storey MS , Secretary

Apologies: Madeline Fraser **MF**, Peter Clarke **PS**

Item 1 Record of the Last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved
- Group Administration
 - Terms of Reference - amendments were agreed and then the document was approved (see Annex A)
 - Membership - all agreed to remain as members of the Group
 - Chair - CU's continuation in the role was approved
- Action review:

No	Action Description	Status/Update
44.19	MF to explore adding QR codes to the spotters' guides	Closed
46.9	RS to raise sunflowers for planting out around the village next year; an activity that young people will be invited to participate in	Completed
47.7	CU and MS to create the wording for the revised footpath map	Awaiting confirmation of paths being officially recognised
47.10	CU to discuss the potential creation of a woodland, based on the outline plan, with the Bloor Estate Management Company	Closed, see 48.14
48.4	MS to update the annual footpath check action list for it to be forwarded to the Parish Council	Completed
48.10	CU to ask the Parish Clerk to order explanatory signs for the planting at Hunts End and Lucks Lane	It was decided to order simple signs for the time being
48.14	CU and PC to present the proposed scheme for a new woodland adjacent to the Bloor homes to the Parish Council for consideration	Completed
49.1	CU to ask Holcim for a response to our draft map showing the new public rights of way copying in PC	Completed
49.2	PC to, if necessary, follow up with Holcim at the next Quarry meeting the draft map showing the new public rights of way	Closed, response received
49.3	PC to ascertain the supplier of signs at Priory Park	Closed, see 48.10
49.4	CU to recirculate the wording for the wildflower planting signs	Completed
49.5	MS to include deciding on a date for this year's footpath check on the agenda for the next meeting	Completed

No	Footpath Annual Check Action Description	Status/Update
B3	• RS to align sign correctly at junction of B3 and B14	• Completed
B7	• RS to replace sign on B7	• Completed

Item 2 Green Infrastructure

- It was agreed that this year's footpath check would take place in September

Action 50.1 MS to circulate the template for the annual footpath check

Action 50.2 All to tell MS which footpath's they are happy to check this year

Item 3 Biodiversity

- New woodland - the Parish Council has instructed the Group not to proceed with planning the establishment of a new wooded area by the Bloor homes
- Wildflower planting:
 - In the Churchyard unfortunately, the growth of the bulbs and wildflowers has not met expectations
 - Bulbs and wildflowers have been planted at the entrance to the village along the Offord road
 - It was noted that a video of bee activity at the Hunts End wildflower area and photographs of the planting adjacent to the red wall by the Bloor homes is going to be loaded on to Facebook
 - It was agreed that trying to establish a wildlife area along the footpath in Morris Close has not been successful, due to dry soil and lack of light, and should no longer be pursued so it was decided to cut back the growth in the autumn in the hope that the area will naturalise in the spring
 - A summary of last year's planting can be found at Annex B
- Tree Planting:
 - HDC has been asked to quote for the removal of a dead fir tree in the Churchyard and removal of some of the top growth from the Judas tree (this is now regarded as a Vintage Tree)
 - It appears that the ash tree by the telephone box was hit by a vehicle and that it is losing bark and seems to be struggling: the tree is being monitored
 - HDC has been informed about the dead silver birch trees next to the intersection of Greenway and School Lane
 - It was noted that the hedge in the Towers, that the Group planted earlier this year, is doing well which may be down to the application of a thick mulch

Action 50.3 MS to put on the agenda for the next meeting discussion of the Parish Council's decision to not proceed with the establishment of a new wooded area by the Bloor homes

Action 50.4 MS to put on the agenda for the next meeting consideration of planting in the Churchyard for the following year

Action 50.5 RS to plan for planting bulbs and wildflowers at the entrance to the village along the Perry road

Item 4 Budget

- There have not been any significant changes to the previous budget position

Item 5 AOB

- It has been brought to the attention of the Group that the Tree Strategy is a little out of date
 - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 30 September from 1700 hours at 55 High Street
- Action 50.6 MS** to put on the agenda for the next meeting a review of the Tree Strategy

