

GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND BIODIVERSITY GROUP MINUTES 4 MARCH 2026

Attendees

Caroline Underwood CU , Chair	Ray Magness RM
Peter Clarke PS	Melanie Storey MS , Secretary

Apologies: Madeline Fraser **MF**, Richard Salmon **RS**

Item 1 Record of the Last Meeting

- The minutes of the last meeting were approved
- Action review:

No	Action Description	Status/Update
44.19	MF to explore adding QR codes to the spotters' guides	On-going
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	On going
47.7	CU and MS to create the wording for the revised footpath map	Awaiting a response from Holcim, see Action 49.1
47.10	CU to discuss the potential creation of a woodland, based on the outline plan, with the Bloor Estate Management Company	Planned to take place after Parish Council meeting in April
47.11	All to consider assisting RM with the planting of the new hedge at the Towers	Completed
48.1	CU to submit an article to the Roundabout reminding residents about the Countryside Code and the requirement to keep to public rights of way and not to trespass onto private land	Completed
48.2	MS to provide RS with 4 footpath signs	Completed
48.3	CU to remind GOVT to send details to the Parish Council of the 2026 WOW	Completed
48.4	MS to update the annual footpath check action list for it to be forwarded to the Parish Council	Awaiting an update on the actions shown in table below
48.5	MS to include a follow up check of the annual footpath check action list as an agenda item for the next meeting	Completed see Item 2
48.6	CU and MS to review the draft new footpath map and to respond to Holcim accordingly	Completed
48.7	RM to seek advice from the Woodland Trust and the Tree Council to assist Buckden Towers with its plan to improve the tree planting around its lake	Closed, these organisations are not available to offer help
48.8	CU to ask the Parish Clerk to order 4 packets of willow for installation at Hunts End	Completed
48.9	RS to draft the wording for the explanatory signs for the planting at Hunts End and Lucks Lane	Completed
48.10	CU to ask the Parish Clerk to order explanatory signs for the planting at Hunts End and Lucks Lane	Outstanding
48.11	CU to ask the Parish Clerk to remind Cambs CC not to mow the wildflower area at Hunts End	Closed, no longer necessary as the willow fence is in place

48.12	CU to draft an article for the Roundabout highlighting all the new planting that has been undertaken around the village	Completed
48.13	RM to update the proposed planting plan for a new woodland adjacent to the Bloor homes	Completed, see Item 3
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	Planned for April meeting
48.15	MF to source new plants for the Churchyard	Completed

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

Action 49.1 CU to ask Holcim for a response to our draft map showing the new public rights of way copying in PC

Action 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

Action 49.3 PC to ascertain the supplier of signs at Priory Park

Action 49.4 CU to recirculate the wording for the wildflower planting signs

Item 2 Green Infrastructure

- It was noted that the annual footpath check report will be forwarded to the Parish Council (Action 48.4) once the work on the signs for footpaths B3 and B7 is completed

Action 49.5 MS to include deciding on a date for this year's footpath check on the agenda for the next meeting

Item 3 Biodiversity

- New woodland
 - The proposal is to create a woodland on an area of open land within the Bloor Estate
 - HDC has agreed to provide the whips which will be planted over more than one season by volunteers; tree guards will need to be sourced
 - It was agreed that the new woodland would need to be supported by local residents to ensure its success, especially at the beginning when watering will be required
 - It was noted that although the land does not belong to the Parish Council the area will be accessible to the public
- It was noted that RM has offered to help the newly formed group at Buckden Towers, with plans to improve planting around the lake
- Maintenance update:
 - Wildflowers are due to be sown in Morris Close
 - Weeds are due to be sprayed adjacent to the Lucks Lane wall with wildflowers being sown in April and sunflowers added at a later date
 - The grass at Hunts End will be mown next week
 - The weeds in the cemetery will be sprayed in April

Item 5 Budget

- When the invoices for the new fencing and signs are paid, this year's allocation will have been used

Item 6 AOB

- The next meeting will be held from 1700 hours on Tuesday 26 May at 55 High Street