

Minutes of Meeting held in Poulshot Village Hall Tuesday 30th August 2011

Present: Nicky Hunloke (Chairman), Brian James (Treasurer), Tim Coleman (Secretary), Ray Josey (Deputy Chairman), Pam Langton (Archivist)
Suzie Quinn, Brian Arnold, Dankay Cleverly, Janet James, Gill Coleman, Sue Aldridge, Jim Aldridge, Marlene Nixon, Ivor Butler, Geoff & Christina Collett

Apologies: Malcolm Nixon, Ben Hamilton, Tim Jalland, John Quinn

ACTION

Green Gardens

The meeting was convened in the Green Gardens at 7:30pm.

We dedicated an Elm tree to Peter Cleverly former secretary of the Trust and driving force behind the Big Trees project.

Pam pointed out where the Scammells would like to place a bench in memory of their father, John. Everybody agreed with the proposed site. Pam will inform the Scammell family. Can she also point out the concrete base should be the same height as the current one and far enough forward so that the grass behind it can be easily mowed.

Pam

Nicky pointed out where the new sign explain the Green Gardens was sited.

Nicky informed members that Nora Dixon's family would like to place a dog bowl (suitably inscribed) below the water tap. Members approved of this idea. Nicky will inform the family.

Nicky

Leo (Wiltshire Countryside Office Senior Ranger) has agreed to visit the Gardens w/b 19th September to advise us on pruning and thinning the trees. Let Tim know if you'd like to meet Leo.

All

Minutes of last Ordinary Meeting

The minutes of the last Meeting (24th May 2011) were approved, and signed.

Big Trees Project

Ray has been in touch with Martin Tyler who was very supportive. Ray will agree suitable sites with him. He has also been in touch with Joe Dike and will arrange a follow up meeting to explain the Big Trees project.

Ray

We need to meet with Tim Hues and Adam Kidd to agree suitable sites with them.

Ben Hamilton is very happy to source more trees (plus posts and tubes). Also he has 2 oak trees (not very good specimens) that could be used to replace any that have died.

Poulshot Ponds Project

Dankay and Pam informed the members that they'd applied for a new grant to cover the cost of sorting out Middle Pond. They are concerned that they will not be able to obtain a grant to cover the cost of maintenance. They will write to the Parish Council to see if suitable funding could be obtained from there.

Dankay/Pam

Footpaths

Ray and Tim (plus a representative of the Parish Council) to visit Urchfont to see

Ray/Tim

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what they've done to make their footpaths easier to navigate (for elderly and disabled people) and to get some idea of the costs.

Once that's been done we will arrange an on-site visit with the Rights of Way Officer to seek Wiltshire Council's support.

Brian pointed out that the Trust was in credit so might be able to fund some work.

Outings

Dankay suggested a visit to the History Centre at Chippenham to review the archives.

Dankay

Gill suggested a visit to Westonbirt Arboretum.

Gill

Dankay and Gill to investigate and inform members.

Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7:30pm on 13th December 2011 in the Village Hall.

Minutes submitted by: Tim Coleman

Approved by: