

FRIENDS OF TYTHERINGTON COUNTRYSIDE GROUP

Minutes of a Meeting held at the Baptist Church Schoolroom
On Thursday 8th March 2018 at 7.30 pm

To meet with the volunteer Wardens to discuss the management of common and parish land within
Tytherington and Itchington

Present: Rebecca Longworth Richard Norton Andrew McCabe
 Graham Pugh Rob Trowell Ian McCollam
 Sara Newman Janice Corncock
 Chris Castell

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Kevin Taylor, Graham Seve

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd November 2016 were signed as correct after an insertion in AOB that TVC could also install 2 benches if required.

3. **Welcome to Kevin Taylor (new warden for the Jubilee Field)**

Unfortunately Kevin was unable to attend due to an injury but he had spoken to RL and suggested planters, baskets, and wild flower beds be placed around the village as he thought it would catch people's attention and slow down the traffic. The clerk asked who was going to pay for these items and who would tend them and was advised that there would be a call for volunteers. RL would ask the pub to contribute with hanging baskets. The clerk said that there was a surplus of about £1K still in the community fund that had not yet been spend but someone would have to apply for funding.

4. Matters Arising

AMcC asked whether it was still possible for Matthew Lipton to walk the Hardwicke Field with him. He was advised that Matthew was quite busy at the moment but would hopefully give some availability soon.

RL asked SN what sort of plaques she had in mind for display around the village and she thought that small resin ones would be suitable.

5. **EOI's decision (all EOI's are published on the web site)**

Unfortunately the EOI decision had not been received but hopefully the information will be received by the last week in March, first week in April. CC advised the meeting that if granted SGC would provide 90% of funding and the final 10% on completion of work. SGC would also require a before and after photograph of each project. RL suggested that each warden planned and project managed their area. The clerk suggested that SGC will probably require some sort of audit trail for each individual plan of work for each EOI. CC would contact Chris Giles SGC for more information.

It was suggested that the Countryside Group have a stall at the May Day fair. RL agreed to put together a calendar of work from the EOI Summary and also timelines for high level tasks. Members would meet on the 9th April to discuss how to recruit volunteers and content for display. It was suggested that SN's walks also be displayed at the May Day Fair.

6. **Discussion on spend for this year £4K available**

Areas in Question

Baden Hill Common

3 days

£900

Common Alm	2 days	£600
Hardwicke Field	5days	£1500
Itchington Common	1 day	£300
Jubilee Field		
Stidcott Platt		
Stowell Hill		
Tytherington Hill	2 days	£600

JC advised that her family were finding it difficult to find time to cut Stidcott Platt. It was suggested growing wild flower seeds on Tytherington Hill in front of the houses or possibly in front of the benches

The clerk would contact Claire Dinsdale and ask her to contact the wardens and get quotes for all areas in question.

RN would contact the sheep grazier and ask what his plans were for the coming year and whether his electric fence could be moved.

7. Any other business
AMcC suggested liaising with IMcC to ask SGC or a demonstration of the heavy duty robot caterpillar, which was agreed.

Richard Cornock had advised that the finger post by the pub is shabby and in need of a coat of paint.

SN asked to be advised if any stiles were in need of repair.

9. Date of Next Meeting
Wednesday 24th October – the clerk would ascertain whether the hall is available at that time. Interim meeting on Monday 9th April to discuss May Day arrangements.