**Pynes Community Orchard Working Group**

Ide Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 4 November 2019, at 6.00 pm

at The Halt, 1 St Ida’s Close, Ide

**1.** **Present:**

Peter Cloke (chairman), Nick Bradley (chairman IPC), Andy Bragg (licensee), Trevor Gardner, Carolyn Tysoe, Richard Sharman, Phil Willcock and Julian Perrett.

**2**. **Apologies** received from Mel Liversage.

**3.** The **draft minutes** of the meeting held 12 September 2019 were approved for circulation and posting on the website.

Action Nick and Mel.

4**. Possessory title over disputed dismantled railway strip.**

PC reported that Land Registry surveyors visited the site several weeks ago; and that the Church Commissioners have acknowledged that there is a possessory claim to the title which they are minded to accept. PC said he hopes for resolution of the dispute by the end of November.

Action:

- PC continue to liaise with claimant.

- NB send claimant’s recent email, and related letter from S&P, to our solicitor; and ask whether CCs will be prepared to proceed with the option to purchase agreement if the title remains as possessory, not absolute.

**5.** **Apple harvest.**

PC reported that AB had decided not to harvest or sell any of the apple crop; and that he, PC, had advertised the crop on Orchard Link’s website. Two cider makers had made contact, visited and picked cider apples, and made a donation to PCO funds.

**6. Donations.**

Alan Trump has contributed a further £75. Two further WG members offered each to contribute £100, in addition to the funds pledged by members in August, for new fruit trees and protection.

Action: PC to collect pledged funds.

**7. Tree planting.**

Andy Bragg provided a 1:800 scale sketch plan of the orchard , which he and Julian tabled to show the positions of the 19 existing trees. Paths, social and picnic areas for community use are still to be added to the sketch.

It was agreed that smaller trees would be planted round the picnic area in the SW corner.

Smaller trees M106 to be planted with 4.5m between each.

Larger trees M25 to be planted with 9m between each.

Action:

Sunday 8 Dec 2019, 9.30 am, pegging out working party for position of 54 trees, for members of PCOWG.

Julian will get pegs from Culver.

Andy will order 54 plastic protective tree cylinders.

The trees have been ordered and paid for, and will arrive in early January 2020. When they arrive, AB will dig a trench in the orchard and heel them in on the same day they arrive.

**8. Winter pruning:**

Two dates set: Sunday 5 January and Sunday 12 January 2020, 9.30 am.

Action: PC to circulate and publicize.

**9**. **Next PCOWG meeting:**

Tuesday, 3 December 2019: meeting at 6.00 pm, followed by supper for members and partners at 7.30pm, at kind invitation of Peter and Sue Cloke.

Venue: The Halt, 1 St Ida’s Close, Ide.

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