**Pynes Community Orchard Working Group**

Ide Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 3 December 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), Mel Liversage (clerk), Trevor Gardner, Carolyn Tysoe, Phil Willcock and Julian Perrett.

**2**. **Apologies** received from Richard Sharman and Mark Thomas.

**3.** The **draft minutes** of the meeting held 4 November 2019 were approved, with one correction about a donation from Mr Trump, for circulation and publishing on the website.

Action Nick and Mel.

**4**. **Finances.** Mel reported that the orchard account is £2038 in credit. We are expecting bills in due course from Strutt & Parker and from our solicitors Foot Anstey, of around 2,500 - £3,000 in total, so more funds will be required.

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

PC and NB reported that Foot Anstey understand that the Church Commissioners are now minded to sell us the orchard without including the disputed railway strip after all, in view of the successful adverse claim for title made by a local resident. NB explained that the Parish Council will need to consider and approve the final draft of any three year option to purchase agreement, once we and our lawyers are satisfied with it, before signing.

Action: NB to continue to liaise with Strutt & Parker and Foot Anstey.

**6. Tree planting.**

NB spoke to the updated scale plan of the orchard, showing the current ideas for layout and new planting, which went out with the agenda and also to parish councillors. This was received with particular appreciation by the Chairman’s dog, Monty, who happened to be present.

Pegging out will go ahead as planned on 8 Dec from 9.30. NB and JP will bring tape measures and a lump hammer. Julian will supply the pegs.

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.

Mel will check whether Andy ordered plastic guards plus support sticks with the new trees; and will order them if not already arranged.

Confirmed Jan 5 and 12 will be planting and pruning days.

Action:

PC will talk to Mark T about publicising the two working party days in January 2020.

Mel to source plastic tree guards and sticks.

**7. Keeping Parish Council briefed:**

PC undertook to produce a short briefing paper for the next Parish Council meeting on 15 January 2020 reporting on the PCOWG’s progress.

Action: PC supply Mel with a report by 6pm on 7 January 2020 latest for publication with agenda for the Parish Council meeting on 15 Jan..

**8**. **Next PCOWG meeting:**

**Next PCOWG meeting is on Tuesday 3 March 2020 at 6pm; with informal updates on site on 5 and 12 January 2020.**

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

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NCAB 8 Dec 2019

Approved at meeting 3 March 2020