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Pynes Community Orchard - Progress Report

- 1 The Working Group met by Zoom on 22 February to discuss the formation of a group to work on joint funding for both the Weir Meadow and Pynes Community Orchard projects. This would allow for co-ordination of grant applications, pool expertise and avoid confusion and duplication.
- 2 There would appear to be no outstanding issues delaying the issue of the Option Agreements for both the Orchard and Weir Meadow projects, which are now working to the same legal timelines, and documentation is awaited from Farrar's. PCOWG will meet again when this documentation is received.
- 3 The Church Commissioners will install a new water pipe to feed the trough in the Orchard.
- 4 Further work has been carried out on the Prospectus; the environmental chapter is being strengthened and a link with the Parish Council's Climate and Emergency Group has been established.
- 5 Another of the old trees in the Orchard has been blown down in recent gales. The new trees are coming into bud. Work is being carried out to tidy up around fallen trees, to clear weeds around the new trees and install protection against deer and rabbit damage.
- 6 It is likely that a small flock of orphan lambs from Westown Farm will graze in the orchard after Easter to keep the grass down. Electric fencing will be installed.

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