

Ide Parish Council

Community Orchard Working Group

Minutes of a meeting held at The Halt, 1 St Ida's Close, Ide
at 6pm on Monday 16 August 2021

1. Present: Peter Cloke (chair), David Howe, Phil Willcock, Mel Liversage (Parish Clerk), Andy Bragg, Richard Sharman, Nick Bradley (Ide Parish Council).

2. Apologies from: Trevor Gardner, Mark Thomas, Jess Paine, Richard Cottle, Alice Purcell

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2021 were approved.

Action: Mel will post on website

4. PC reported that SW Water had successfully connected the mains supply to the trough on 15 July.

5. A further bag of mulch had been delivered to the site on 21 July.

6. Mike Webb cut the grass last week, thanks to Andy Bragg.

7. DH reported that the Option Agreement had been signed by the Church Commissioners and exchanged on 30 July 2021.

8. DH reported that he plans to make a first stage application to Viridor, making the case that the land will otherwise be lost to the community. DH reported that Biffa will not make grants to local authorities, which include Parish Councils.

Action: DH write and submit stage one application to Viridor.

9. DH reported that for a bid to the heritage Lottery Fund, we will need to present a project embracing the wider community beyond Ide. It is more complex, is a two stage application process; and we will need to hold back on stage 1 until we can show we have raised a significant sum already.

Action: DH to write stage one initial enquiry document in full, but not to submit until group gives further go ahead.

10. NB described the Natural Capital Challenge Fund, offered by Devon County Council, which accepts bids up to £50k, includes Parish Councils, and will fund land purchase. Closing date is 20 August. But its primary purpose is to create employment and skills, as well as enhancing the natural environment. After discussion, it was agreed that we could not reasonably bid on the basis of creating employment; and that a bid for funds to send candidates away on a course was not sufficient to succeed.

11. NB reported that 1,000 joint projects fund raising leaflets will be printed this week, by Stormpress.

Action: discuss when to circulate leaflet on 23 Aug at Joint projects fund raising group.

12. NB also reported that the prospectus is ready for printing, following an additional ecology section from Julian Perrett. 100 copies have been ordered from Stormpress; and we can post it electronically on the village website.

13. NB alerted members to a cider and orchard afternoon run by Orchard Link at Broadhempston on Sunday 12 September 2021.

Action: NB will circulate the flyer for this meeting

14. We discussed launching the appeal for funds. NB has yet to revise the fund raising strategy. We must have both prospectuses and the strategy on the website at launch time. Saturday 9 October 2021 was suggested as a possible day to launch, with a stand in the village hall, working group members available to answer questions, and the offer of a visit to the two sites to show residents what we plan.

Action: NB to discuss launch date and activities further at Joint Projects Fund Raising Group on 23 August.

Action: NB to revise strategy and Weir Meadow prospectus, then post all 3 on website.

15. Next meeting of Community Orchard Working Group will be Monday 13 September, 2021 at 6pm.

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