

Ide Parish Council

Ide Community Orchard Working Group

Minutes of a meeting held on Zoom at 6pm on Monday 13 September 2021

1. Present: Peter Cloke (chair), David Howe, Phil Willcock, Mel Liversage (Parish Clerk), Alice Purcell (Ide School), Richard Cottle, Mark Thomas, Richard Sharman, Nick Bradley.

2. Apologies from: Trevor Gardner, Jess Paine, Andy Bragg and Julian Perrett.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16 August 2021 were approved.

Action: Mel will post on website

4. David H reported that he has submitted a Stage one application for a grant from Viridor Credits, who will next meet on 7 January 2022 to consider full part 2 applications. They would fund up to half the costs of land purchase and necessary accompanying groundworks. If we applied and were approved, we would have to draw down the money within 6 months. We could defer until March (they have quarterly meetings), giving us until Sept 2022 to draw funds, but no later than that. We debated the pros and cons of applying in January or March, in relation to current PWLB borrowing rates, and the possible results of our local appeal. At present the group favours a March 2022 application.

Action DH & NB to liaise.

Post meeting update 20 9 21: following further consultation with Viridor and Devon Association of Local Councils, it is clear that our better option is to proceed with Stage 2 application now, for the Jan 7, 2022 deadline.

5. Nick B reported that joint fund raising leaflets had been distributed to every household by members of the two working groups with an address list circulated by ML; and that 45 packs containing printed prospectus brochures had been delivered to potential early supporters and those requesting further information.

Action: NB distribute further brochures

6. An open morning with a pancake breakfast to launch fund raising has been arranged by Cheryl Haddy on Saturday 9 October from 10-12 noon. MT and NB will set up displays. Interested residents will be able to visit the Orchard and the Meadow accompanied by members of the working groups to find out more about the projects.

Action: MT, NB liaise with Cheryl

7. PC will devise a programme of activities over the autumn and winter, including a possible visit by the school. PC and AP will visit the Orchard before 9 October launch date. NB will deliver 140 leaflets to the school for distribution to parents.

Action: PB and AP

Action: NB

8. Next meeting of Ide Community Orchard Working Group: Monday 1 November, 2021 at 6pm. Venue TBC.

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