

Ide Parish Council

Ide Community Orchard Management Group

Minutes of a meeting held on Zoom at 8pm on Monday 16 May 2022

1. Present: Peter Cloke (PC, chair), David Howe (DH), Mel Liversage (ML, Parish Clerk), Mark Thomas (MT), Richard Cottle (RC) and Nick Bradley (NB).

2. Apologies received from Andy Bragg, Alice Purcell, Trevor Gardner, Phil Willcock and Jess Paine.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2022 were approved.

Action: Mel will post on website

4. Mapping mature trees

Julian has mapped and allocated a letter to each mature tree.

Action: Julian to send details to NB – still to be done

Action: NB and Julian to walk the orchard to map newest trees planted; and recent losses

5. Purchase

We paid and took possession of the Orchard at noon on Friday 29 April.

6. Sponsored tree labels (RHS grant)

Some sponsors have changed their choice of tree.

Action: NB now to order labels which will carry the tree number, type and variety, and sponsor's name if applicable – still to be done.

7. Gates (Viridor and RHS grants)

Three excellent gates have been installed and paid for.

Action: Mel to chase Will Bosworth for the receipted invoice.

Action: NB submit receipted invoice to Viridor once receipt received.

8. Dog waste bin (RHS grant)

Bin and post installed 2 May by NB and Tom B.

Action: Mel to chase TDC to empty it every other Thursday. It is full up at time of writing.

9. Grass.

James and Mike have both done their cuts, big one on 3 May. Plan for next cut late summer, then one in autumn. Julian plans to hire a minibaler to bale the September cut.

Action: Julian – hay and minibaler

10. Rules for Use of the Orchard

New green notice in place.

PC also obtaining three No Entry notices to put on the gates in SW corner, NW corner and into the railway tunnel track.

Action: Peter - 3 signs.

11. Hedge trimming

Stuart Brooking quotes £300 per cut for hedge trimming, two cuts per year.

Action: PC ask SB to do a September cut of the face as is, and then review.

12. Fund raising

At last meeting RS confirmed that Police Dog Hogan (James Studholme's band) have committed to a fund raising gig on 6, 7 or 8 June 2023, at Westown Farm. They will need to retain certain funds for expenses and equipment hire; but will donate the balance of takings, plus some takings from the cider sponsors, to our joint project fund. We might expect to sell 200 tickets, at say £20 a ticket. James S has discussed it with Andy Bragg, who is happy. Show of Hands, a local band, ay also appear. RS is happy to take the lead in organising, and liaising with James, and with Sarah and Grace at Westown. No further progress so far. RS will need a firm date for the gig before booking Westown for the venue.

Actions:

- RS to contact Westown Farm to make provisional booking for a concert on June 6, 7 or 8, 2023.
- RS to liaise with James Studholme on setting up the event
- RS to report on progress at next meeting.

13. Shed (RHS grant)

Shed arriving on 30 May

14. Grand Opening Ceremony Sunday 5 June 2022, 12 noon

MT reported on the programme he has arranged for the ceremony.

Action: PC ask James Romain to cut the rides again.

Action: Nick collect strimmer from MT to trim bases round trees

Action: pulling out metal scrap – done on 17 May.

Action: MT has done posters – NB will put up on 19 May after lamination by Mel.

15. Terms of Reference

Revised ToRs to be put to IPC meeting 18 May.

Action: NB to revise after IPC meeting and send to PC for circulation.

16. Date of next meeting: Monday 18 July 2022, 8pm by Zoom.

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Approved 18 July 2022