

Ide Parish Council

Ide Community Orchard Management Group

Minutes of a meeting held on Zoom at 7.30pm on Monday 30 January, 2023

1. Present: Peter Cloke (PC, chair), Richard Cottle (RC), Julian Perrett (JP), Mark Thomas (MT) - who left the meeting at 7.50pm, Phil Willcock (PW), Alice Purcell (AP), Mel Liversage (ML) and Nick Bradley (NB).

2. Apologies received from David Howe, Richard Sharman, Jess Paine and Ann Boyce.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2022 were approved, noting that the meeting scheduled for 21 November 2022 was postponed.

Action: Mel will post on website

4. Actions from last meeting

4.1 Julian to send details of mature trees on map aerial photo to NB - done

4.2 October hedge cutting along St Ida's Close and inside Orchard- done.

5. Winter tasks

Actions

5.1 Jason Mole will attend in February for winter pruning of young trees.

5.2. JP will check bird and mouse boxes.

5.3 NB will arrange for a delivery of mulch, and a bag of Growmore

Actions completed

5.4 PC bought and planted with volunteers 50Kg daffodil bulbs

5.5 NB completed fitting shed doors.

5.6 Four monthly working parties took place with 5 volunteers over the 4 days

5.7 Many bags of apples delivered to elderly residents

5.8 We thanked Stuart Brooking for spreading bark chippings in the muddy entrance track

5.9 NB suggested two additional tasks:

5.9.1 Clearing top SE corner of black thorn and thinning out growth in mature trees there

5.9.2 clear base of each young tree to 1 metre diameter bare earth, then mulch

Action: NB & PC at next volunteer day

5.10 The next volunteer Sunday will be 5 March.

5.11 RC described how he will prepare and sow a wild seed bed, as originally planned for Dec

Action: RC prepare by scarifying and scatter seed

5.12 JP will arrange a mow in April with Michael, Andy Bragg's contractor

Action: JP

6. Funds

PW reported that there is £3,694 in the account, with £1500 still owing back to Weir Meadow fund.

There is a balance of £300 left from the RHS grant: agreed to spend this on replacement trees, as four have perished since Jan 2000.

Action: PC to source trees and arrange planting.

7. Wassail

MT and PC reported on plans for the Wassail, with Lily Ballard, on Sunday 5 Feb at 5pm. Much interest. NB confirmed that a bonfire is permitted, and that the PC holds public liability insurance cover for events in the Orchard. Agreed to request no dogs at the event.

[Update: the event was a fabulous, historic occasion, with c80 people there.](#)

8. Fund raising gig for Orchard running costs – 8 July 2023

RS sent the following report as an email for the meeting's information:

"All is progressing. The date is fixed for the 8th July 2023 (Saturday) [note change of date from last meeting] and three bands are playing

Police Dog Hogan

Sisters and Sons

Freddie and the Fedoras

A committee has been formed [RS, Rachel Herbert, Cheryl Haddy, and Laura and Dave Farrow] and all admin procedures are in hand.

Staging, Lighting and Sound have been sourced at extremely reasonable rates

All ticket proceeds will go to the Orchard.

Bar food and car park proceeds to Weir Meadow.

There will be 275/300 tickets for sale at 25/30 pounds(to be finalised).

100 tickets will be paper copies for sale at village shop.

Remainder on line when these have gone and will include a car park charge.

No concessions.

All marshalling and staffing taken care off.

Food and drink being provided by Sandford Orchards Exeter Brewery and volunteers

All at v preferential rates.

Very limited up front costs therefore very limited financial risk even if event is cancelled

(Max 500 pounds)

Happy to answer questions at any time but rest assured that this will generate significant funds .

NB reported that the Parish Council had received in person reports from the four other members of the committee in RS's absence on 25 January at the IPC meeting confirming the arrangements in hand [see IPC draft minutes 25 1 23].

9. Date of next meeting: Monday 20 March, 2023 at 7.30 pm by Zoom.

END - NCAB 9 Feb 23

Approved 20 March 2023