

**IDE PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Ide Community Orchard Management Group**

Minutes of the meeting of the Ide Community Orchard Management Group held on Friday 8  
September 2023 at 1 Station Road.

**Present:** Nick Bradley (NB), Mel Liversage (ML), Julian Perrett (JP), Jessica Paine (JLP) and Mark Thomas (MT) (Chair).

		<b>Action</b>
1.1	<b>Opening Comments</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you for attending on a Friday night.</li> </ul>	
1.2	<b>Apologies</b>	
	<b>Noted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• apologies were received from Richard Cottle (RC), Andy Bragg (AB), James Romain (JR) and Richard Sharman (RS).</li> </ul>	
1.3	<b>Declarations of interest</b>	
	<b>Noted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None</li> </ul>	
1.4	<b>Minutes of the meeting of the Ide Community Orchard Management Group held on 17 July 2023</b>	
	<b>Noted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add 21 Oct 2023 to Minute 4.3 regarding date for Apple Day</li> </ul>	<b>JLP</b>
	<b>Agreed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• subject to the above amendment the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023 were an accurate record;</li> <li>• the revised minutes to be published on the Ide Parish Council website.</li> </ul>	<b>ML</b>
1.5	<b>Actions Arising</b>	
	<b>Noted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.2, 4.4 &amp; 7.3 – Completed</li> <li>• 11.1 - Assistance will be needed to help identify the species of some of the older trees. The newly planted trees have all been labelled. Action completed.</li> </ul>	<b>JLP</b>
2.1	<b>Management Plan</b>	
	<b>Noted:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The plan needs to demonstrate the aspirations for the site and how the group envisages the continued process in taking the Orchard from a neglected paddock to a traditional managed orchard.</li> <li>• The final plan will need to be approved by IPC.</li> </ul>	
	<b>Agreed:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final draft to be circulated to ICOMG by 11 Sept for comments.</li> <li>• Final version to be submitted to Chair and Clerk of IPC for inclusion in the agenda of the next meeting of IPC.</li> </ul>	<b>JP</b> <b>JP</b>
2.2	<b>Nest Box Proposal</b>	

	<p><b>Noted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RSPB reviews were positive and this would be interesting content to share on an Orchard website.</li> <li>There are still funds available from the RHS grant to contribute to the purchase.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To proceed with the purchase of the Nest Camera from the RSPB at a cost of £235.00.</li> <li>Utilise remaining balance of RHS grant to fund purchase, any shortfall to be funded from general ICO monies.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MT</b></p> <p><b>PW</b></p>
3.1	<b>Receipts and payments summary to 30 June 2023</b>	
	<p><b>Noted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A donation of approximately £1,500 is anticipated from Sue Cloke and family.</li> </ul>	
4.3	<b>Autumn Harvest and Juicing Day</b>	
	<p><b>Noted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The date for the event is 21 October 2023. A risk assessment will be required and confirmation of relevant insurance.</li> <li>No dogs to be permitted in the Orchard for the event.</li> <li>The public will need to bring their own bottles.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Agreed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning meeting set for 4 Oct, 7pm, 1 Station Road for those that can attend.</li> <li>Publish event in the Ide Times - deadline 20 Sept.</li> </ul>	<p><b>MT</b></p> <p><b>ML</b></p>
5.1	<b>Any other business</b>	
	<p><b>Noted:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>None</li> </ul>	
5.3	<b>Date of the next meeting</b>	
	Wednesday 1 November 2023 at 19:00 . Venue - 1 Station Road, Ide.	