

Southbourne Environment Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 8 June 2023 at St John's Church Centre

Present: John Auric, Lyn Hicks, Margaret Melhuish, Elizabeth Medler (chaired meeting in absence of LD)

Apologies for Absence: Lyn Davies (Chair), Amanda Tait, Alison Barker, Roy Seabrook, Libby Flanagan

- 1) **Minutes** of the meeting held on May 11th were approved, subject to adding Lyn Hicks who had sent her apologies.
- 2) There was a catch up regarding the composting event in May and the latest Tesco work party. Elizabeth thanked JA and MM who had worked so hard. Later it was decided that it would be helpful to have a longhandled trowel. JA mentioned that Woolf made something where different heads could be fixed. Also some shears for cutting grass around bricks etc. ACTION: MM to investigate and look at cost.
- 3) It was noted and accepted that Lyn Davies had paid £10 for a spaced at their Spring Fayre.
- 4) Bat meet: Paul Metcalfe was not present at the meeting. ACTION: Elizabeth to email him to see how the last bat meet on 17 May had gone.
- 5) MM reported that many of the ties round the trees at Priors Orchard had been loosened.
- 6) JA reported that the wood for the planters was all ready. It was sitting at Men's Shed but they have a limited amount of space although MM reported they have soon have more room. JA and Tim (of Men's Shed) would need to cut timber to size. JA estimated this would take half a day. ACTION: JA was going away but would contact Tim about timing and if necessary the wood could be moved by trailer to PM, subject to liaising with him. The question of a base for the planter was discussed. It could be secured by chains on the legs.
- 7) EM had spoken to AT who said that no permission from West Sussex had come through re putting planter on the land near Boots. Discussion ensued and it was unclear whether permission had yet been requested as Clerk had been very busy. ACTION: LH to speak to Clerk and report back.
- 8) There was discussion about the Summer Fayre in the Rec on 17th June. It was reported that advertising wasn't much evident. In the last Minutes LD was to make a poster to go to SEG members and be put on SPC noticeboard and Facebook. ACTION: EM to ask LD about this. ACTION: EM to ask AT if J.Brown could release the administration of the page to the Group so each could easily put up items of interest. [EM subsequently asked AT who said

that JB had not been back in touch with her but that entries could be recorded by AT and LD.]

Discussion continued as to the missing banner which was thought to be at the rec. ACTION: LH to ask Max (the groundsman) to take gazebo/display boards from Village Hall to rec. JA also offered to bring his gazebo and chairs. ACTION: LH to ask if table would be provided and chairs (she thought possibly not). ACTION: EM to ask Sarah Hughes if she would be able to bring animal skulls and any other items of interest. ACTION: EM to ask AB how she was getting on with Activity Sheet. It was agreed that SEG would meet at the rec at 10.15 am on the 17th to set up.

- 9) JA reported that he had contacted Chris Iverson re foraging walk in the Autumn. He was awaiting a response.
- 10) LH raised the question of the Triangle at the top of the Rec ground and whether there was anything SEG could usefully do. ACTION: LH? Are the PC intending to do anything and would they like to discuss this with SEG/Garden Group?

AOB: MM reported speaking to Marjorie Bulbeck who said that Ivy was growing around the memorial trees in the field near to the Bourne. ACTION: JA to visit and report back to LD. If there was a need, it was thought that possibly this could be addressed by SEG and the garden group jointly.

- 11) **Date and Place of next meeting:** Thursday 13 July, 7.30pm at St John's Church Centre, Main Road, Southbourne PO10 8LB.