

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Virtual Bio-Diversity & Wildlife Conservation Committee Meeting held on

Tuesday 24 November 2020 via VIDEOCONFERENCING

Present (by Video):	Gerald Brown, David Evans, Gavin Deans, Jo Ling, Mark Madgwick and Mrs. C Pizzey (Clerk)
1.	To receive and consider apologies for absence: Mrs R. Eburne. The members accepted the apologies.
2.	To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None.
3.	To receive any written requests for dispensations: None received. None.
4.	Public Forum: None.
5.	<p>To consider the response from the Parish Council on the committee's proposal for the trail conservation for the grass area by Dial Farm House: The Chairman reported that the Parish Council had refused the proposal for the work to the grass area outside Dial Farm. The Parish Council had suggested that the committee trails the triangle area by the Folly. The committee discussed this and felt that this area was not suitable for wild flowers but agreed that bulbs could be planted to brighten up the area.</p> <p>The Committee agreed to go back to the Parish Council with a more detailed proposal for the area by Dial Farm.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep the area mown around the edge and round the HIB tubs • Cut the area in early Spring • Prior to the first cut plant some plug plants and bulbs • Include an information board to advice residents of the area. • Residents to be informed that this area will take 18 months to 2 years to mature.

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6.	<p>To consider proposals to consult Parishioners on biodiversity and wildlife conservation within the Parish: J Ling reported that she would happily lead on the consultation of Biodiversity and wildlife Conservation within the parish. Discussion were had over how to consult with the village. Information leaflet drops and article for the February parish magazine.</p>
7.	<p>To consider proposals for a publicity article in the Wetherden and Haughley Parish News: J Ling and G Brown agreed to write an article for the Parish Council to agree ready for the February edition.</p>
8.	<p>Update on proposed conservation area off Fishponds Way: The Clerk reported that she had not received a response from Bellway Homes and would try to contact them again.</p>
9.	<p>To consider grass cutting proposals: G Brown reported that he is putting together a proposal to the Parish Council to purchase a mower. The equipment would be used for the Parish Council grass cutting schedule, Gallowsfield Wood, The Cricket and would be used for wildflower areas once established.</p>
10.	<p>To consider proposals from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils</p> <p>(i) Mapping to identify where wildlife corridors need to be established or improved to link up sites: It was agreed that The Clerk contacts the District Councillors for more information on the Biodiversity Action Plan for more information on initiatives and partnerships that they are working with.</p> <p>(ii) Areas to plant more trees and hedgerows in order to encourage more wildlife: J Ling agreed to contact Suffolk Wildlife Trust to consult on the areas adjoining A14 cycle way ready to evaluate in May and June 2021. G Brown agreed to look at the ownership of the area alongside Plashwood.</p>
11.	<p>Any other business: G Deans reported on the litter and rubbish along the cycle path at Tothill. It was agreed to provide a litter grabber and bin liners and the Clerk to contact The Public Realm Department at MSDC to enquire if the rubbish could be left</p>

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	at the litter bin by St Marys Avenue for collection. G Brown reported that a budget would be submitted to the Parish Council for consideration at the December meeting.
12.	Date of next meeting: It was agreed that meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of the month, bi-monthly starting on Tuesday 12 January 2021.
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.20

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