

## HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday 9 March 2021 via VIDEOCONFERENCING

<b>Present (by Video):</b>	Gerald Brown (Chairman), David Evans, Rachel Eburne, Gavin Deans, Alf Hannan (Parish Council Chairman), Jo Ling and Mrs. C Pizzey (Clerk) and 1 members of the public.
<b>1.</b>	<b>To receive and consider apologies for absence:</b> None.
<b>2.</b>	<b>To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest:</b> None.
<b>3.</b>	<b>To receive any written requests for dispensations:</b> None received.
<b>4.</b>	<b>To note and approve the minutes of the Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 (as circulated) and to agree that delegated authority be given to the Chair to sign the minutes outside of the meeting:</b> It was agreed that the minutes could be signed.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Public Forum:</b> The committee introduced themselves to Molly Wallis.
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>To note and review actions and information from the last meeting other than agenda items:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Update on the hedge at The Cricket:</b> No further information.</li> <li><b>2. Fishponds Way development:</b> The developers advised that they are currently using the open space area as site storage and will look to hand over the space at the end of the programme.</li> </ol>
<b>7.</b>	<p><b>To consider current and proposed consultation with Parishioners on biodiversity and wildlife conservation within the Parish:</b> Jo Ling reported that the Survey Monkey software that had been used was only free for up to 40 responses. The results were shared with the committee who all felt that it had been a positive response. It was agreed to produce a questionnaire to be delivered to all homes. The purpose of the questionnaire would be to gather responses from residents to find out their views on specific areas around the Parish that could be used to enhance</p>

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	wildlife around the village. The Chairman and Jo Ling to develop the questionnaire which would be distributed to the committee members for comment.
8.	<p><b>To consider arrangements to obtain advice from persons experienced in inspecting and reporting on biodiversity interest in areas within the Parish.</b></p> <p>The Chairman reported that the committee needs to decide on where and how these areas can be enhanced.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Cycle path</b></li> <li>2. <b>Road verges – Fishponds Way</b></li> <li>3. <b>The Cricket</b></li> <li>4. <b>Other areas of interest</b></li> </ol> <p>It was agreed to contact the Suffolk County Councils Ecologist and ask her advice on these areas. Another charity to be contacted was Plant Life who are actively running verge side projects. Suffolk Wildlife Trust and Suffolk Naturalists' Society (contact Martin Sanford) may provide useful advice.</p>
9.	<p><b>To receive an update, consider on proposals from Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils: -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <b>Mapping to identify where wildlife corridors need to be established or improved to link up sites:</b> It was agreed that this was covered in item 8 above.</li> <li>2. <b>Areas to plant more trees and hedgerows in order to encourage more wildlife:</b> It was agreed that this was covered in item 8 above.</li> <li>3. <b>Whether MSDC would consider an area at Fishponds Way could be considered and what the process would be:</b> It was agreed that The Clerk makes contact with the developers to remind them of the Parish Council's interest to take this area on.</li> <li>4. <b>Consider other areas within the parish and list their suitability for the campaign (G Deans):</b> G Deans reported that he had spent some time looking at areas within the village. These included: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planting trees at the bottom St Marys and Fishponds Way,</li> <li>• Fishpond's way woodland to footpath, verge.</li> <li>• Additional trees on the cycle path Haughley side.</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional hedgerows on the footpath beyond the graveyard towards Haughley Green and the meadow behind the Castle.</li> </ul> <p>R Eburne reported that MSDC may agree to pay for some trees if the areas are agreed by the Parish Council.</p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>To consider Healing Woods as proposed by Suffolk County Council:</b> Suffolk County Council is looking to create new woodland spaces in memory of those who died from Covid-19 and to provide a space where people can reflect or grieve. The Chairman reported that this had been put forward at the Gallowsfield Wood Committee and it was agreed that this should be followed up by them and not the B&WC Committee.
<b>11.</b>	<b>To consider and if thought appropriate the co-option of additional committee members:</b> Molly Wallis agreed to join the committee and will be added onto the volunteers list at the Parish Council AGM in May.
<b>12.</b>	<b>Any other business:</b> R Eburne requested that Tree Preservation Orders (TPO) is added to the next agenda. D Evans reported that he had stated work on pruning the trees in the Community Orchard. Some of the trees were in a bad state and are in need of some TLC.
<b>13.</b>	<b>To consider and agree the date for the next committee meeting.</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. It was agreed to bring the meeting forward to Tuesday 27 April 2021 due to the termination of procedures to meet remotely under <i>The Local Authorities &amp; Police &amp; Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority &amp; Police &amp; Crime Panel Meetings) (England &amp; Wales) Regulations 2020</i>.</li> </ol>
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.14

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