

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

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

Tuesday 6th July 2021 at the Ron Crascal Pavilion Haughley

Present:	Gerald Brown (Chairman), David Evans, Rachel Eburne, Gavin Deans, Jo Ling, Mrs. C Pizzey (Clerk) and 1 member of the public.
1.	To receive and consider apologies for absence: Molly Wallis. The members accepted the apologies.
2.	To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None received.
3.	To receive any written requests for dispensations: None received.
4.	To note and approve the minutes of the Meeting of 29th April 2021: It was agreed that the minutes could be signed.
5.	Public Forum: A resident addressed the members and advised that he had come along to the meeting with an interest in joining the committee.
6.	To receive a report on the proposal to seek approval from MSDC to plant an area at St Mary's Avenue to include some replacement trees (where they are missing), other indigenous trees, a scatter orchard, hedging and other plants and agree next steps: The Chairman reported that the proposal had been agreed at the June Parish Council meeting. The Clerk advised that an email had been sent to the Bio-diversity team at MSDC and she was waiting for a response regarding a site meeting. Rachel Eburne offered to chase this up.
7.	To develop proposals for a trial to manage public grassed areas within the Parish during 2022 – Areas agreed for trial following a parish-wide consultation by Haughley Parish Council include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Green at The Folly • The Green outside the Coalhouse

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central green area of Ladyfields • Corner verge Station Road/Grainge Way • Castle Rise green area <p>The members confirmed receipt of the proposal following the Parish Council's approval at the June Parish Council meeting. Concerns were had around the area outside the Coalhouse. The members agreed that the area outside the Coalhouse on The Green was not suitable for the trial. It was agreed that a recommendation is made to the Parish Council to agree the cutting and planting proposal and to request that the project starts in October 2021 and the trial is carried out over a two-year period with an end of year review after the first year.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="368 734 1401 1279"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="368 734 884 786">Month</th> <th data-bbox="884 734 1401 786">Cutting and Planting Proposal</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 786 884 898">September</td> <td data-bbox="884 786 1401 898">Final cut for the year (depending on weather)</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 898 884 949">October</td> <td data-bbox="884 898 1401 949">Planting bulbs and hay spreading</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 949 884 1001">February</td> <td data-bbox="884 949 1401 1001">First cut of the year</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1001 884 1052">March</td> <td data-bbox="884 1001 1401 1052">Plug planting</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1052 884 1164">April to September</td> <td data-bbox="884 1052 1401 1164">Verges to trial areas to be cut as per usual cutting schedule</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="368 1164 884 1279">October to September</td> <td data-bbox="884 1164 1401 1279">Cutting of trial areas with conservation cutter</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Parish consultation to be included in the July edition of the H&WPN with additional meetings at the at the individual areas for residents.</p> <p>It was agreed that information signs would be erected in October once the proposal has been agreed by the Parish Council.</p>	Month	Cutting and Planting Proposal	September	Final cut for the year (depending on weather)	October	Planting bulbs and hay spreading	February	First cut of the year	March	Plug planting	April to September	Verges to trial areas to be cut as per usual cutting schedule	October to September	Cutting of trial areas with conservation cutter
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8.	<p>To receive an update on any advice obtained from persons experienced in inspecting and reporting on biodiversity interest in areas within the Parish, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Cycle path: Gavin Deans reported that he had concerns over the cutting back of the verges which would disturb the bee orchids along the cycle path. (ii) Road verges – Fishponds Way: No further update. 														

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	<p>(iii) The Cricket: No further update.</p> <p>(iv) Other areas of interest: The Clerk reported that she had received contact from the Public Rights of Way Officer. He suggested contacting the Ecology department at SCC for advice on planting. It was agreed that the Clerk emails both the PROW Officer and Ecology Department and ask for a meeting with them. Jo Ling raised concerns over the Parish Council taking over the open space area at the Fish Ponds Way development. The Clerk advised that the last correspondence received from Bellway was to confirm that they had forwarded the request onto the Technical Manager. Rachel Eburne advised that the developers had confirmed that this was going to be the last thing that they would do following completion of the development. The Clerk to chase Bellway Homes for an update.</p>
9.	<p>TPOs in Haughley: Following the five TPO's that were reported at the April meeting Rachel Eburne asked if there were any other areas in the village that the committee felt need to be included. It was agreed that should any other areas come to mind a request is made to MSDC to look at and advise.</p>
10.	<p>Any other business: David Evans reported on the Community Orchard at the Allotments. Some of the trees are thriving and the grass is in need of a cut. The Clerk advised that a quote will be agreed at the July PC meeting for this work. There are a few bee orchids growing in the area and it was suggested that these are marked with tape so that the contractor avoids cutting in that area. Jo Ling reported that the church is asking for volunteers on the 17th July to cut the graveyard.</p>
11.	<p>To consider and agree the date for the next committee meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 14th September 2021.</p>
	<p>There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 20.28.</p>

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