

HAUGHLEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Minutes of the Bio-Diversity & Wildlife Conservation Committee Meeting held on
Tuesday 14th September at the Ron Crascal Pavilion Haughley

Present:	Gerald Brown (Chairman), David Evans, Gavin Deans, Adam Faiers, Molly Willis and Mrs. C Pizzey (Clerk)
1.	To receive and consider apologies for absence: Jo Ling and Rachel Eburne.
2.	To receive Councillors' Declarations of Interest: None received.
3.	To receive any written requests for dispensations: None received.
4.	To consider changes to the membership of the Committee: It was agreed that Adam Faiers would join the committee. The Clerk to circulate email addresses of members of the committee to all.
5.	To note and approve the minutes of the Meeting of 6th July 2021: It was agreed that the minutes could be signed.
6.	Public Forum: None.
7.	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 Clerk reported that Rachel Eburne and herself had completed the Tree and Hedge Planting application form. A response has been received from MSDC to advise that they have been working chronologically through a great number of applications and they are only just starting to assess them. Once they have spoken to the MSDC Arboriculture Officer they will get back in touch with a date for a site visit to look at the proposals for the site.
8.	To receive feedback on the consultation to manage for wildlife part of the green at

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	<p>Ladyfields: The Chairman reported on the consultation at Ladyfields. The Committee had delivered information about the consultation to the homes in Ladyfield. The proposal for wildflower area outlined at the meeting including that this was a consultation and that no final decision had been taken. There had been a positive response at the initial consultation but subsequent to the meeting some of the resident had acknowledged their concerns over the management of a wildlife area. It was agreed that as there wasn't a unanimous response the committee would not pursue this area as a wildflower site.</p>
9.	<p>To consider arranging consultation meetings to manage for wildlife areas of grass at The Folly and off Station Road (corner verge Station Road/Grainge Way and Castle Rise green area): It was agreed to carry out a consultation for wildlife areas at The Folly and off Station Road. A date of the 3 October was agreed for the consultation on The Folly a time to be decided. A letter will be delivered to residents prior to the event outlining the proposal for the wildflower area. Molly Wallis agreed to draft the letter.</p>
10.	<p>To receive feedback on liaison with SCC to safeguard areas with special plants on or close to roadside verges and other areas managed by SCC: The Clerk reported that she had made contact with the Ecology Officer. A meeting had been arranged but the Officer had failed to attend. A future date has yet to be confirmed and The Clerk reported that she would continue to chase this.</p>
11.	<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: No further update. (ii) Road verges – Fishponds Way: No further update. (iii) The Cricket: No further update. (iv) Other areas of interest: The Clerk reported that she is continuing to chase Bellway home regarding the open space on the development.

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12.	Any other business: It had been agreed that a monthly column would be included in the H&WPN. Rachel Eburne has offered to have a meeting with a local landowner in the village to discuss conservation on land adjoining or close to road verges. David Evans reported on the Community Orchard at the allotments. Some of the trees are proving very productive and he had approached an apple expert who had been to visit the site. An offer to run a pruning course at orchard is being discussed.
13.	To consider and agree the date for the next committee meeting: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 9 th November 2021.
	There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 19.49

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