

Minutes of the Boxley Parish Council Woodland Working Group Meeting held at Beechen Hall, Wildfell Close, Walderslade on 17 July 2023

Councillors Present: Cllrs H Bryant, M Cox and I Davies along with the Clerk, Mrs D Baylis, Rob Burrows, Derek Price, Martin Jordan, Patrick Fox and Jackie Haylock

1. **Apologies and absences**

Cllr V Jones

2. **Declaration of Interests, Dispensations, Predetermination or Lobbying**

None.

3. **Minutes of the meeting held on the 24 July 2023**

The minutes were agreed and signed.

4. **Impton Lane Open Space**

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr M Cox and all agreed to obtain a professional report on the trees with a management plan.

5. **Weaving Diamond Jubilee Orchard**

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr M Cox and all agreed to obtain a professional report on the trees with a management plan.

6. **Franklin Drive**

It was proposed by Cllr I Davies, seconded by Cllr M Cox and all agreed to obtain a professional report on the trees with a management plan.

7. **Beechen Hall**

It was proposed by Cllr H Bryant, seconded by Cllr I Davies and all agreed that a budget of £1,000 be set for the creation of the container base. The Walderslade Woodland Group will give the Clerk a list of what needs to be ordered for the base. Once the base is installed, the container can be ordered and installed and the UTV purchased.

8. **Trees Adjacent to Feldspar Close**

It was agreed to review these trees annually.

9. **Walderslade Woodlands**

Rob Burrows, chairman of the Walderslade Woodlands Group reported that the Hoods tree inspection report was being worked through with all the trees on the red list being dealt with first. The ones they could not do had been highlighted and given to the Clerk so that she could engage a contractor for the work.

The main focus would be to get signage put in that informs people of where they are and names of places within the woodland. They would also like to get butyl liners for the 2 ponds so that they could be finished and made active. These would be lined with clay.

Patrick Fox now has a dormouse licence and has found dormice in some of the boxes already installed. They were looking at planting some wild honeysuckle to encourage them. The Clerk said that the new dormouse boxes had been purchased and delivery should be very soon.

The Group intended to take some of the significant trees from the plateaus and move them to areas where trees have been lost. Cllr Bryant was obtaining some trees from MBC for planting.

The Facebook page was an issue and needed updating. The Clerk and Jackie Haylock would help with this with Jackie and the Assistant Clerk becoming admins on the page.

10. **Items for next Agenda**

None put forward at this meeting.

11. **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was scheduled for 19 February 2025. It was agreed to have another meeting in the autumn. The Clerk would circulate a date for this.

Meeting closed at 19.20

Signed as a correct record of the proceedings.

Chairman Date