

FoUSCA Group Meeting

25th September 2023

Present : Steve, Glyn, Phil (chair), Georgia, Chris, Katie, Rebecca, Jane (minutes)

Apologies: Debbie, Fiona

Chair of Meetings. Rebecca was delayed today and will not be at future meetings,. It was agreed that a chair would be appointed at the start of every meeting. Phil agreed to be take that role this evening.

Updates. Georgia reported on relevant issues from the Parish Council. With regard to this group's terms of reference, any proposed expenditure/activity must go to the Parish Council before being actioned,

The footbridge from Henson Lane to the Community Orchard has been completed.

Solicitors are dealing with the transfer of land from DWH.

Renovation of the pergolas is underway. A programme of ongoing maintenance will be managed by the Parish Council. This group suggested that a 'No Football' notice would be useful, as balls damage the guttering and down pipes..

The back road should be resurfaced in the next few weeks.

A new bench has been ordered financed mainly by Cllr. Debbie Solomon, Rushcliffe Council and Cllr. Neil Clarke NCC. It will be a Coronation Bench and replace the rotten Bench in the soft fruit garden.

The planning application by Bingham Scouts for use of the church building was discussed at a residents meeting. Concerns about the volume of traffic that would be generated (and other more minor issues) means that the application would not be supported unless 25 new parking spaces were available.

The Parish Council, DWH, and Rushcliffe BC are continuing to look into which smaller green spaces are the responsibility of which households for maintenance.

The size and condition of the trees on Millennium Way has been raised with DWH.

Nottingham Wildlife Trust event on 7th October run by the Rushcliffe conservation group will be a series of talks. Places are bookable, but it may be full.

Priority Areas for Action.

- Work on the cherry trees on Millennium Way (both ends)

- Pruning of the fruit trees in the main Orchard and in the soft fruit garden. Local volunteers can only do work on the lower branches.

Further priority areas can be identified at future meetings and could include maintenance and enhancement projects such as the creation of wildflower meadows. The Parish Council will be surveying the trees every 2 to 3 years. There are recent tree surveys by DWH and Parish Council.

Upcoming dates, Chris agreed to find a date in the next few weeks for an autumn/winter tidy up/fruit tree maintenance which will be advertised on the Community website.

£1000 from the Open Gardens event. The group agreed to use this on animal boxes taking advice from Rushcliffe Barn Owl group and Nottingham Bat Group, and Katie suggested Ben from the NWT might be able to help too. Katie will provide information re bat and owl boxes.

A.O.B. Glyn has details re the moth survey that was carried out, but there are no results known,.

Agreed that the chair of each meeting will circulate an agenda for the subsequent meeting,

Date of next Meeting 27th November 2023 7.30pm. Steve will book the hall.