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LITTLE EATON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Environmental Action working group of Little Eaton Parish Council held on Monday 5th February 2024 at Little Eaton Village Hall.

PRESENT: Parish Councillor C Holmes, S Last, P Watson, B Shore, J Kaye-Allan, L Aspden, K Linge

23/043 To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies received from Parish Councillor J Reid , S Stone, A Jennison

23/044 To Receive Declaration of Members Interests and approve requests for dispensations from members on matters in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest” or similar.

L Aspden works for Natural England and is also part of the Little Eaton Greenway project. Attendance at meetings of the environmental action working group is in a personal capacity.

23/045 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2023

Everyone agreed the minutes.

23/046 Actions arising from the minutes

23/032 Litter Picking

There was a turnout of around 12 people to litter pick from the Community Recycling hub. Thanks to everyone who took part.

Next dates:

Date	Time	Start Location	Volunteers leading
17 th March	10am	Croft Corner	Kate/Pete/Jo
19 th May	3pm	Bottom of Windy Lane	Claire
7 th July	10am	St Peter’s Park	TBC

23/006 and 23/007 Community recycling

The blister pack recycling box at the surgery is full and the surgery are unable to accept any more recycling for the time being. Noted that when the phone box recycling hub is set up to not include blister packs. Superdrug are still taking them but varies by store - for example they can be taken to the Derby branch.

23/012 Coronation Copse

The Parish Council have located the original cultivation license details. Further work to take place including looking at options to purchase relatively mature trees rather than whips. Also looking at tree replacement in the churchyard to replace those that fell in recent storms. Discussed potential for people to donate funding towards in memory of people with a map showing where they have been planted, rather than plaques. Noted: that as some trees may die, may need removing, people donating need to take that into consideration. Could allow grass to grow and to extend beyond the wildflower area as part of initial set up of the copse.

Claire will liaise with James.

As an aside, it was noted that there are a couple of stone troughs behind the tennis courts into which wild flowers could be added. Some bulbs have been planted in the meadow area next to the park.

23/014 Phone box recycling hub

£268.33 has been provided from carnival funds for the recycling hub and currently resides in the Parish Council bank account. Activity is commencing to look at fitting the box out.

Louisa has some wood available that could be used as part of the build.

23/022 QR codes

These will now be added to the minutes, enabling the electronic copy to be easily located by anyone seeing them on the notice board.

23/042 Environmental Event 2024

No activity on this - it won't be until 2025 at the earliest. However suggested that during 2024, we take a look at equivalent events elsewhere. For example, a link will be shared for the Oxfordshire event which has been established for a few years.

Discussed having a stand at this years annual parish meeting to promote this group and to help with community engagement.

Claire went to broader event bringing councils together to look at ways to support to local groups and provide resources that we can take advantage of.

Graham Stoddard-Stones – parish council collaboration web site mentioned by Claire. The site can be found here: <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/>

23/043 Communication calendar

Pete has produced this and provided a link to everyone to review and to add information to the site. This can also be made available in view mode for people in Little Eaton to see – eg/ via the Facebook page.

Action: add dates/information via the separate edit link that was provided or send information through to Pete to add.

This is the public view link to the calendar: [Environ Action WG Eventcalendar2024.docx](#)

23/047 Environment Act 2021 – Consideration of a biodiversity action strategy

A lot of Parish Councils have not started to consider this yet. The strategy has been formally adopted by Little Eaton Parish Council and are asking this sub-group to influence direction.

Claire will ensure we have the most recent version of this.

Overall aim is an ongoing net gain in biodiversity.

23/048 Date of next meeting

Monday 25th March 2024 in The Heritage Room at the Little Eaton Village Hall 7pm.

23/049 Agenda Items for next Meeting

These should be sent to Councillor C Holmes by 15th March.

Web-sites / documents related to the discussions above:

Big Plastic Count: [link](#)

[biodiversity-policy-9.pdf](#)

[Draft Little Eaton Parish Council Biodiversity Policy Dec 2023 \(2\).docx](#)

[Draft Model-biodiversity-Action Plan-December 2023.docx](#)

[Parish Council Climate Change pack Jan 2022.pdf](#)