

# Minutes 21 February 2019 Chapel Green Management Committee

Members present: Carolyn Emblen (Chair), Chris Sharpe, Mick Ladner, Angelia Ladner, Kong Golke, Mary Trinder, Clare Billington

Apologies: Alison Painter, Iokine Rodriguez, Jim Paine, Sue Steel

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## 1. Matters Arising From Minutes of Last Meeting

*Waitrose Community Project Application:* as yet Waitrose have not come back to the Committee.

*Meadow Map:* to help promote biodiversity and habitat conservation in the village it was thought that by annotating a map showing existing meadows and rough ground in the village, might encourage others to do the same. A flier was put in the shop to ask if anyone with a piece of meadow land or rough land, whatever the size, might want to be included on the map. There would be no other obligation to being included, i.e. no visits, or management requirements. There was one response and the Committee are hopeful of several others. Cath Jones (RPC) suggested that a small rectangular plot at All Saints Church could also be included. Clare and Kong agreed to ask other potential supporters.

*Sleepers and Meadow Sign:* since the last meeting the sleepers bounding the front of the meadow from the hard standing had been straightened and moved to help prevent further erosion of the meadow area and to demarcate the parking area more obviously. A sign, constructed by Mick and Gella, had also been erected thanks to Mick and Gella. Special thanks go to Mick, Gella and Carolyn for all their work and financial contributions.

It was noted that a sign asking any commercial vehicles not to park on the hard standing had not yet been put up by the Rocklands Parish Council, as had previously agreed at a PC meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018. Details of the Library Bus times had been added to the meadow sign. Chris noted that the parking on the hard standing was much improved. Mick suggested that the entrance to the meadow should be made more obvious as cars were still parking in front of the access to the meadow. Carolyn agreed to check that the Library times were correctly recorded and to contact the PC to put up the sign concerning commercial vehicles.

*Removal of bulbs:* most of the invasive bulbs had been removed last year from the meadow. A few snowdrops remained so it was decided that these should be dug up and relocated in St Peters Churchyard. Any available members were to meet pm Sunday 24 to remove the remaining bulbs.

## 2 Donation of a Mower from Andrew Scott

An incredibly generous gift of a mower for the meadow has been donated by Andrew Scott. The Committee had requested donations of a mower last year as mowers that had been used to cut the meadow at the end of the summer into the

winter had broken. The Committee would like to send their very grateful thanks and warm wishes to Andrew for his generous gift. Carolyn will write to Andrew to thank him personally and from the Committee.

## **2. Local Nature Reserve**

Rocklands Parish Council had suggested that Rocklands Meadow could be legally classified as a **Local Nature Reserve** under the auspices of Natural England, whereby local authorities can set up a local nature reserve to provide minimum protection for 21 years. The size of the nature reserve is not relevant under this scheme and it was deemed that the meadow would definitely benefit from this legal recognition and indeed is not too small a space. The Committee agreed that this would be an excellent way forward, giving the meadow focus and longevity. Because it would be a legal statute, the Parish Council responsible for ownership and management of the meadow would need make the application. Carolyn will liaise with the Parish Council towards this application.

## **3. Any other business**

Chris proposed that the Committee maybe should approach the Norfolk Ponds Project, which is run from University College London, to see if pond experts could be involved. Roosting Pied Wagtails, Kingfishers, Sedge Warblers, dragonflies and Ghost Moths are all important species attracted by the pond. The Committee agreed that Chris should go ahead and approach the Norfolk Ponds Project.