



## Wild and Wood Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 30 October 2024 at 7pm  
Methodist Church Hall, Dereham Road

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Committee members present: Roisin Murray (Chair), Hazel Goodall, Martin Goodrum, David Piper  
Parish Clerk: Anita Rose  
District Councillor: Not present  
County Councillor: Not present  
Members of Public: 0

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### 1. Election of Chair

It was unanimously **AGREED** to elect Roisin Murray as Chair.

### 2. Election of Vice Chair

It was unanimously **AGREED** to elect Hazel Goodall as Vice Chair.

### 3. Apologies

There were none.

### 4. Progress

#### Communication

Rosin Murray was pleased to report that the drop in event held on 28<sup>th</sup> September was a great success. They had over 30 people turn up of which 10 have been added to a mailing list. It was **AGREED** for the mailing list to be kept by the Clerk.

Mid Norfolk Conservation volunteers have kindly offered their help in being involved in the working parties.

A local resident had asked if they could be consulted regarding the location of any benches. It was **AGREED** that when the project is nearing completion in readiness for the installation of street furniture, all residents will be consulted, and all views will be considered. The committee will then confirm designated places for street furniture.

#### Public engagement

Rosin Murray had kindly offered to draft a news article for the Miscellanea explaining the project in detail, what's happening and what's to come. Miscellanea had kindly offered this publication free of charge.

It was discussed in detail that when organising a working party to plant trees, entertaining and educating children is important. The committee discussed the idea of having an explorer pack that could be loaned to children for these events.

It was also discussed about having an activity pack and colouring pens that could be undertaken under the marquee whilst enjoying a cup of squash and cake.

### **Purchased**

Roisin Murray had confirmed that 210 whips had been ordered by Woodland Trust and 30 fruit trees ordered by Apples & Orchards. All trees are expected to be delivered between January and March 2025.

David Piper reported that the A47 Community Fund are offering trees free of charge. He had offered to speak to Galliford Try on behalf of the Committee to understand how a bid / application can be submitted. It was also discussed that timber can also be sought from the same fund that could assist in building benches for the Woodland. Roisin Murray had offered to explore an option with the foreman from Men's Shed regarding the making of such benches if the committee was successful in being awarded the timber.

There was further funding opportunities discussed 1) Community Champion Lorraine Varney from Breckland District Council and 2) Norfolk Offshore Wind Zone Community Fund. Roisin Murray is currently exploring these options.

### **5. Budget**

The proposed budget for seasons 1-3 was discussed and unanimously **AGREED**. The committee was happy for the budget to be presented to November's Parish Council meeting for approval.

A budget for the Wildflower Meadow was required, Roisin Murray had offered to draft in readiness for November's Parish Council Meeting.

### **6. Actions / next steps**

- News article for the Miscellanea – RM
- Organise a working party when trees have been delivered – All
- Explore further funding opportunities – RM & DP
- Draft wildflower meadow budget – RM

### **7. Next meeting**

The next meeting for the Wild and Wood Committee will be Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7pm held at Methodist Church Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 20:24pm.