



Wild and Wood Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 20th November 2025 at 7pm
Methodist Church Hall, Dereham Road

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

1. Apologies

No apologies were received.

2. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2025

The minutes of the meeting were unanimously **APPROVED** without amendment and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising from the last meeting

None

4. Progress update

4.1. Woodland

The whips have not receded in an orderly manner; therefore, a priority for the next work party will be to redistribute them evenly to facilitate cutting and mulching. With the soil now saturated, it is also necessary to realign the support canes and guards. Additionally, thistles have established themselves in the cloud patches and will require removal.

4.2. Meadow

After a slow start, the meadow is now filled with Wild Carrot, Cornflowers, Michaelmas Daisies, and more. The area will be left until spring, except for relocating the fruit trees and treating them with tree wash and trunk wax to deter pests.

4.3. Orchard

Cllr Frosdick has cut the long grass, which needs to be raked and lightly rotavated before sowing wildflowers and yellow rattle at the work party. Volunteers will complete this before the work day. Two orchard trees may have died, but since others have revived after rain, they'll be left until spring to check for recovery.

4.4. Notice Board

Recent wet weather caused the notice board to swell and lose its weatherproofing. The laminated tree species notice remains, but others were

removed due to water damage. Wallace Murray will soon repair the board for the Men's Shed, after which new notices will be posted.

Cllr Murray has submitted an article to Miscellanea and will soon email the mailing list about a Work Party on Saturday, 13th December, 10:00–13:00 (weather permitting). As several tasks need completing, she suggests also advertising on social media and posting notices on Parish Notice Boards.

5. Finance

5.1. Expenditure vs Budget

The Clerk provided committee members with an update on budget v actual expenditure. As of 2025/26, £2484.85 of £8187.70 has been spent.

5.2. Draft budget 2026/27

The committee approved a 2026/27 budget of £6232.72:

- Woodland: £4542.72
- Meadow: £870.00
- Orchard: £820.00

6. Next meeting

The next meeting for the Wild and Wood Committee will be 19 March 2026 at 7pm held at Methodist Church Hall.

The Chair closed the meeting at 19:38pm