

THORNCOMBE VILLAGE TRUST
Minutes of Committee Meeting Wednesday 1st Oct 2014

Present: Sheila Moreland (President); John Whitbread (Chair) Rachael Whitbread, Marie Parker

1. Apologies for absence: Wynford Eagle (henceforth 'retired' / resigned from the committee)

2. Minutes of meeting held on 28th June 2014: Approved

3. Democratic period for Trust members: No members present.

4. Matters arising

a) Himalayan Balsam (update) JW

It was agreed that the Trust would liaise with St Mary's Primary School to explore a suitable involvement – committee accepted this was an on-going project which will be returned in due course in 2015 **Action: JW**

b) Johnson's Wood (update) JW

Review of practical & achievable goals needs to be formulated. **Action: JW**

c) Formation of new committee (Update) (JW)

It was agreed that at present the albeit small committee was viable with the ex officio help given by Eve Higgs (Editor of Newsletter) & Lynn Kinsey (Treasurer). However, it was recognised that finding new committee members was crucial for the future of the Trust. **Action: Committee**

5. October Walk (RW)

Guidelines for the organisation of this annual event were agreed: the walk to be not too long / membership to be emailed & where needed contacted by phone or post. Posters to be displayed and appeals for cakes & sandwiches plus 'helpers' for provision of Tea. **Action: RW & JW**

6. November Members' Meeting (JW)

The proposed topic of Badgers & Bovine TB was accepted. **Action: JW undertook to find a speaker & work with RW on publicising the event.**

7. November Xmas Sale (RW)

The absence of DWT was recognised as being challenging but it was decided that there was a range of stall holders to make the Sale viable and a worthwhile fund raising event besides being a way of promoting the Trust in a positive light.

8. Planning (JW) No relevant items to report.

9. Finance Report (LK) See attachment

10. Neighbourhood Plan (JW)

The committee accepted that the Trust should have an involvement in shaping this new planning policy. JW was asked to write a brief account for the Newsletter which would include an appeal to our membership to actively support the Trust in this undertaking.

11. Parish Council Meeting (JW)

County Councillor: Emphasised that the reporting of potholes & blocked drains needs to be done using the on-line facility available whereby a 'job number' would then be generated. Simply asking contractors on site to do further work without a job number was ineffective.

District Councillor : Mike Robinson made a lengthy presentation on the importance of the Neighbourhood Plan and inviting the PC to attend the a meeting in Bettiscombe.

12. A.O.B : None

13. Next Committee Meeting: Wed. 29th October 2014 Thorncombe Village Hall