



EYNSHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Fishponds Committee meeting held
on Tuesday 13 October 2015 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present: Mr Gordon Beach, Mr Richard Andrews, Ms Sue Osborne, Ms Sue Brown, Mr Andrew Bickley.

15/F14 Apologies for absence – None.

15/F15 Declarations of Interest – None.

15/F16 Minutes of last meeting 9 June 2015 to be amended and signed at next meeting

15/F17 Public Participation – None.

15/F18 Correspondence

15/F19 The committee discussed the 10 Year Management Plan.

- It was agreed to ask Ubico to mow Monk's Green regularly, so that it can become an open green space; also to mow the area south of the Monk's Green, between the heritage trail and the public footpath, in preparation for creating a wildflower meadow (the nettles there need to be mown twice a year and cleared [probably by volunteers] for 2 – 3 years before the ground can be prepared for seeding). We would like to put up some notices to explain what we are doing in that area.
- Sue Osborne will approach the Wychwood Project to ask about the possibility of rebuilding the dry-stone wall at the northern boundary of the Fishponds.
- It was agreed that volunteer parties would establish a few patches of bare ground and also lay down some artificial shelter areas (corrugated metal sheeting, old pieces of carpet) to encourage invertebrate and reptile habitation.

15/F20 Volunteer work parties. There are some tasks which need doing quite soon (planting two whitebeam trees, distributing the two remaining piles of hoggin left over from the building of the ramp, and clearing the way to the blackthorn clump den). Dates for this and for the winter volunteer parties to be suggested soon.

15/F21 The two new replacement benches are due to be installed next week. It was agreed to look at siting the remaining bench, currently in the compound, somewhere near the toilet block on the north field.

15/F22 To discuss risk assessments – It was suggested that a plastic bag & gloves could be taken round on risk assessments to collect litter, and that secateurs could be carried to trim brambles, etc. The rota for the risk assessments is working well.

15/F23 Date of Next Meeting is 12 January 2016

The Meeting closed at 8.15pm