

Minutes: Thurleigh Environment Improvement Network

12 January 2010

Present: Damon Goodyear, Parish Council
Bill Boddington, Parish Clerk
Ian Soaft, Chairman
Liz Soaft, Minutes
Fiona Partlett, Committee
Richard Singleton, Committee
Ed Burnett, Countryside Sites Officer, Beds Borough Council

Apologies Linda Singleton, Committee
Kirsty Brewer, Committee

Resignation Pete Mclure (moving out of Parish)

Ed Burnett was introduced to group and explained his role with Borough Council. Also offered training courses at Shuttleworth College, for Brush Cutting and Hedge Trimming which two members accepted. Advised group of services and financial assistance he could offer in support of Environmental Improvement Plan.

Minutes of last meeting read and accepted.

Fiona confirmed that bulbs have been planted in the green at the end of The Close.

Action points from last meeting:

1. Ian to draw up terms of reference covering the work on footpaths (closed)
2. Bill to contact Francine (Beds Council) to advise of work required on footpaths. (closed)
3. Churchyard tidying (closed)
4. Wheelie bins left on pavement to be returned to residents property on non collection days (ongoing/group)
5. School Hedges overhanging pathway . Contract for grounds maintenance revised with additional hedge cutting included. School to discover who owns the strip of land between hedge and school fence which may take some time. (ongoing/ Kirsty to monitor)
6. Clear moss from paths at Vicarage Green (ongoing/Bill to liaise with Highways)
7. Rotivating village garden, (ongoing/site meeting to be planned in spring to discuss with interested parties)

Matters arising

1. To place articles and updates in Villager & Grunch Magazines (Ian to action)
2. Add Group to Village website (Liz to action)
3. Continue identifying footpaths which need attention (Group to action)
4. To attend Hedge trimming course (Ian and Richard)
5. To look for areas of village that would benefit from planting of trees.
6. Edging of grass verge borders to investigate if this is included in mowing contract(Damon to action)
7. Dog fouling had not improved, to be highlighted in Village/Grunch articles and on website (Ian/Liz to action)

It was unanimously decided that future meetings were to be held quarterly and the next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 13 April 2010 at 7.30pm in the Jackal.