

THURLEIGH ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT NETWORK

Meeting 7th September 2010

Present: Ian Soaft Chairman

 Liz Soaft

 Fiona Parlett

 Linda Singleton

 Damon Goodyear

 Bill Boddington

Apologies: Richard Singleton

Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Edging of grass round village - Still awaiting information from Contractors – Damon (ongoing)

Trees – Committee has been given confirmation that Borough Council are still confident that requested trees will be provided later in the year. Fiona has found out that a local Apple Tree is called Laxton, either Fortune or Superb, we will go back to Ed Burnett to ascertain if he can supply at least one of these for village garden. He will also need to find out if they are self pollinating or whether this strain of tree in peoples gardens would be sufficient. – Ian to liaise with Ed. Also asked Ed if he can supply any tools or/and assistance at the time of planting.

Fireproof coating for proposed shelter in village garden. – Fiona is still waiting for suppliers to get back to her and will chase appropriately (ongoing)

An account is now up and running at Chiltern Hire enabling suitable equipment to be hired for path clearing. One hiring has taken place and committee have learned from this experience. Not all charges were quoted by Hire Company, Strimmers turned up with the incorrect cutting cord and insufficient cord causing valuable time to be wasted. On turning up at the proposed clearing site we found the Council had been along a few days before and cleared footpath 1. However the reservoir was cleared and the brook from footpath one and bridleway over to Manor Farm. Ian to obtain Schedule of works from Beds Borough Council to prevent future problems.

Hedge on the bend in the High Street, near village hall has been cut back severely making it much safer walking the bend.

Bridleway near Redgate Farm which had just been cleared by Council has now been ploughed up. Farmer has been given 14 days to replace. Ian to monitor.

We have been asked if the leaflet Treks around Thurleigh is still available. – Damon to check with Borough Council to see if we can get reprint. These will then be available in the Church, The Jackal and offered to the Windmill Bed and Breakfast and Scald End Farm Holiday Lets.

There is now a link on the walks section of the Village Website to the Council Maps to assist walkers.

Bill Boddington advised that the Village website was being used by prospective purchasers of property in the village, and he had been contacted for information enabling him to emphasise the positive aspects of the Village.

Martin Towler has opened more permissive paths on his land which we will be able to include in future walks. - Ian to visit and discuss.

Pedestrians on road sign has been requested by Parish Council for village where there is no pavement

Next meeting Tuesday 4 January 2011 7.30 Jackal. All welcome.