

Minutes of the TPEG meeting held by Zoom at 7pm on Monday 11th January 2021.

This is a Teams meeting due to the constraints in place as a result of the Covid virus.

Present:

Chair James Walker
Treasurer Christine Robinson
Secretary Anne Hirst
Committee Member David Crossley
Louise Walker
Kate Johnson
Dennis Simpson
Chris Hirst

Apologies:

Vice Chair Ben Stones

Matters arising from Previous meeting:

- Hanging Baskets - following a great effort from DC, liaison with the Parish Council and BMBC, it is anticipated there will be up to 40 baskets placed in the Parish. There are 30 already purchased and locations identified.
- Ownership of Dipping Pond area - AH has confirmed that the area is owned by the BMBC
- The Pilley Bus Stop hard landscaping is complete, and there are to be some native plants placed within to encourage insects and butterflies, these plants also self seed. Planting will be completed when the weather improves.
- A battery powered strimmer and charger has been purchased using the remainder of the Ward Alliance grant, for TPEG use in line with the action from the previous meeting.
- Bank signature mandates now complete with current members able to sign off on payments from the bank.

Finance

- Bank balance is £494.60. Petty cash balance is £79.02.
- There has been a one off donation of £75 received from the Parish Council (PC), following the efforts by TPEG and community volunteers with the recent improvements on Lidgett Lane.
- There was agreement that the donation from the PC would be used to purchase a hanging basket for this year, as a thank you to all the volunteers. Vote taken, all those present in favour.

Project Updates

- As above the Pilley Bus Stop project is almost complete.
- Thanks to Rob Johnston for providing materials for the Pilley Bus Stop project, along with other local contributions from resident of pebbles, railway sleeper, weed barrier etc for this project.
- Dipping Pond - this is still ongoing. Prior to Christmas further work was carried out by TPEG members to clear the canary grass from the pond. A small 'island' was left in place for cover, but most of the grass has been removed. It will return and it is anticipated that

this is something that will need further work on in the future. The depth of the pond has been increased where possible to just below 'wellie bob' level, in an effort to make a deeper area near the island, that MAY stay wet throughout the year. A large amount of debris was removed from the pond area. This has been stacked within the copse area to assist with habitat creation. There will be wild flower seeds placed along the area between the boardwalk and the fence in the spring.

- Litter picking is ongoing where possible within the Parish.
- TPEG Volunteers cleared self seeded trees, mulched and weeded the perimeter of the Welfare Hall car park.

Future projects.

- The Scope of TPEG was discussed, and it was agreed that tasks would be considered on an individual project basis.
- Litter picking to be continued where safe and in line with current Covid guidelines.
- Funding applications would be considered from any suitable source, where possible, for future projects.

Covid - implications for TPEG work

- Government social distance guidelines were discussed along with the need to use PPE. No Group activity has been organised due to these restrictions, however members should follow the current govt guidelines if engaging in any individual mini projects. This process will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Twiggs will also carry out tasks in line with the above.

Social media & Website Update

All posts placed on the website automatically appear on the TPEG Facebook page, and Twitter account. It was noted that some Facebook posts are receiving good coverage which is increasing.

The website is an annual expense to the group of around £60.

AOB

There was a discussion regarding the provision of warning signs for areas where casual litter picking was taking place. No decision made at this stage.

ACTION: JW to contact BMBC concerning the legal aspects of using these types of signs.

Dipping Pond - Prior to Christmas an unknown member of the public placed a bright yellow inflatable duck on the pond. This was not a TPEG initiative. That small action created quite a stir on Social Media for the group, and some amusement and support. Over the following weeks others placed similar items creating a floating menagerie. That small action created many smiles from those passing the pond in these dark times. It is also fair to say that 2 separate email complaints were received through the TPEG website from concerned residents. The flotilla will be removed when the ice melts and access becomes available. If any owner of the items wishes to reclaim them, please contact us through the TPEG website.

Date of next meeting:

It is hoped that the next meeting will be back to normal as a physical meeting in the Welfare Hall. The anticipated date will be Monday 12th April 2021. This is depending on Hall availability.

The meeting adjourned at 8.45pm.