



Minutes of the Spout Hills Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 10.30am at Nelson House, Holt.

Attending: Cllr Phil Wright (Chair), Cllr Bryan Payne, Cllr Anita Jones, Ben Philo, Fiona Jolliffe, Tony Leech, Jim West and Admin Support Paul Dulson.

0 members of the public were present.

1. APOLOGIES

1.1 None.

2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

2.1 Tony Leech declared that he was part of the River Glaven Conservation Group and the Holt Society.

2.2 Ben stated he was a paid employee of Holt Town Council (Town Ranger).

3. AGREE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th NOVEMBER 2023

3.1 The minutes were circulated prior to the meeting and were AGREED by all.

3.2 One amendment was made correcting a typo at point 5.7 from *roundabout* to *round up*.

4. MATTERS ARISING

4.1 Ken Foster is a volunteer on a Saturday, the committee AGREED that Ken should be invited to attend the next meeting and formally asked to join the committee. Clerk to request Ken's email from Tony. GH

CLOSE THE MEETING FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation

No members of the public were present.

5. REVIEW OF WINTER WORKS

5.1 The Committee attended a site visit on Tuesday 5th March 2024 whereby members of the Committee were shown what works had been undertaken.

6. SUMMER WORKS TO BE AGREED

6.1 The clearing of Fools Cress was discussed; it was AGREED that the main stream would be kept clear.

6.2 It was AGREED that the path up to Railway Meadow from the bridges would be left uncut on the left-hand side to allow growth of wildflowers as last year.

6.3 It was AGREED to plant trees (in the autumn) along the boundary with Chapman's Meadow. Native species will be AGREED via email. **GH**

7. LAND WEST OF POUND CLOSE

7.1 It was noted that Bayfield Homes may be putting in a planning application for the above site.

8. LITTLE HILLS

8.1 It was noted that the access points off Letheringsett Hill will be reviewed by the Town Ranger with a view to improve access. **BP**

8.2 Cllr Anita Jones to share the details of the landowner adjacent to Little Hills with the Clerk. The landowner will need approaching to ensure the trees adjacent to the wall are surveyed and made safe. **AJ/GH**

9. CORRESPONDENCE

9.1 None received.

10. NEW MOWER

10.1 It was AGREED for the Clerk to investigate possible grant funding for a new mower.

11. AOB

11.1 Cllr Wright was AGREED as Chair and Tony Leech was AGREED as Vice-Chair by all committee members present.

11.2 It was noted that the Terms of Reference needed amending to remove the Countryside Stewardship Scheme reference at point 2.1.1.

11.3 It was AGREED to send a thank you to John Headland from all at HTC.

11.4 Tony Leech to provide the Clerk with a copy of the dates for the wildflower walks for the HTC noticeboard and for advertising.

12. Next meeting will be in September. Clerk to circulate dates for agreement.