

**MINUTES OF YOXWOOD MEETING HELD AT KING'S HEAD PUB
ON WEDNESDAY 28th APRIL 2010 AT 7PM**

Attendance: James Childs (Chair), Nigel Kerridge (Vice Chair), Sally Barker (Secretary) and Ivor Brecker

Apologies: Hal Humphreys, Sam Cutler (School's Link) Maria Humphreys and Nick Prior

There was not a quorum in attendance for this meeting so any decisions requiring a vote can not be acted on until discussed at a meeting where there are a majority of steering group members present. This is relevant to section 6.

1. FUNDRAISING

Comma Funding– Sally to update

- Application drafted and forwarded to Elizabeth Storer from Suffolk Acre so that she can check and suggest any changes.
- Costing -Details of the following were shown to the group
Winter shelter.
Compost Loo.
Pet Poo wormery
- Closing date – May 14th 2010. Project to be started by Oct 2010 and finished by May 2011
Sally to follow up with Elizabeth Storer

2. MANAGEMENT PLAN

Nigel has nearly completed the Management plan.

Ongoing work on planting plan-Nigel has given Nick a plan to work on.

Nigel will give Nick another plan that includes the location of Trees on the site. Nick will then check the Trees have been identified correctly.

3. EVENTS

BBQ and hay raking –Sunday 16th May

Details discussed and jobs allocated – **see separate sheet.**

Agreed to provide enough food for 100 portions to include vegetarian option (tortilla toasties)

4. LAND MANAGEMENT

Shed

Nigel has ordered shed, delivery unfortunately coincides with his holiday so will phone to organise suitable delivery date.

Sally has ordered patio slabs for shed base and arranged delivery.

Benches

Two benches purchased, one ordinary and one tree bench.

Ordinary bench- Sally & Nigel have constructed, oiled and taken this bench to the site.

Plaque purchased but not yet fixed to bench.

Tree bench – Sally & Nigel have started staining, but still needs more staining, oiling and constructing on site

Second pedestrian gate

Posts and gate to be purchased and collected by Nigel and Sally

Sally & Nigel have not had time to do this. Please postpone

2 bags Postcrete to be purchased by Maria.

Wormery idea

Sally – Suggested as idea to encourage children to be involved in this project.

Fairly cheap and simple to set up and surplus worms could be sold on. Agreed as good idea to be considered at later date.

5. ACCOUNTS

Purchases

Shed	£267.99 (Suffolk Bio Partnership (Grenville))
Patio slabs	£55.52 (Suffolk Bio Partnership (Grenville))
Shed fittings	£15.54 (Suffolk Bio Partnership (Grenville))

Suffolk Bio Award money is now all spent.

Payments to Authorise – Sally to purchase food and sundries for BBQ – Authorised

New Bank Account – Now open, cheque and paying in book received but not debit cards yet.

6. OTHER

Caravans at Allotments

Ivor reports – People in Little Street are not happy with the addition of a Caravan onto the Allotments.

Concerns raised –

- Not in keeping with the Environment
- Obstructing views
- Yoxwood was started as Community Woodland and a conservation area however the addition of Caravans has become an eyesore.
- Allowing one Caravan will open up the site to more Caravans.
- Size Ratio not adequately considered – these are very small plots and with potentially a large shed/caravan on each plot the area will look more like a shantytown or caravan site than an allotment.

Ivor proposed that we contact the Parish Council raising our concerns.

The members attending agreed that we should express our viewpoint and Sally was asked to write a letter to the Parish Council and that a copy was to be sent to Joan Steel (Allotments) and Malcolm Purvis (land owner).

NEXT MEETING Wednesday 13th June 2010 at the Kings Head 7.30pm