

**MINUTES OF YOXWOOD MEETING HELD AT KING'S HEAD PUB  
ON WEDNESDAY 29<sup>th</sup> July AT 7PM**

Attendance: James Childs (Chair), Nigel Kerridge (Vice Chair), Sally Barker (Secretary), Maria Humphrey,

Apologies: Hal Humphrey, Alex Haslem, Ivor Breckor, Sam Cutler (School's Link) and Nick Prior

1. TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

No members present.

2. FUNDRAISING / GRANTS

Sally reports - No response has been received from O2 so we assume this application has been unsuccessful.

Grenville from the Greenlight Trust is going to put in an application to the Suffolk Bio diversity group on behalf of three groups to include ours. The application would be for £500 towards materials. The application will include a visit from Susan Stone to reassess the site.

3. LAND MANAGEMENT

Shed

No funding for this at present. Look into purchasing a metal or plastic storage unit.

Information Boards

Adam barker has agreed to do this but will need it to be attached on site to the two posts that James has already.

Gates

Nigel has the materials to do the pedestrian gate. A work party will be arranged to do this. Nigel pointed out there is a small area of fence at the far end of the field that needs repairing, which can be done at the same time.

Work parties

Meeting of land management group (Friday 7th Aug 6.30pm) to discuss following-

- Timings of workparties (weekends /earlier hours)
- Go through planting plan and make sure whole group familiar with it
- Structured workparties i.e. advance notice as to what will be done at the next party so that people know what equipment to bring etc
- Arrange work party to erect pedestrian gate and to repair fence

Nigel and Sally to let land management group know about this meeting

Bench

We will purchase materials with the money from Ipswich Building Society to make a bench seat around the oak tree. Malcolm has offered to help make this.

Winter shelter

The possibility was discussed of making a winter shelter using willow hurdles (5@6ft x6ft) and grass/rush for the roof. A metal store could than be purchased to put behind the shelter.

Further research is to be done on this before going ahead.

James has some bench seats that can be used to put inside the shelter.

Equipment

Nigel will purchase three plastic grass rakes if possible. Sally to reimburse from funds.

4. MANAGEMENT PLAN

Nigel has nearly completed the Management plan. Ongoing work on planting plan.

Work Scheduled to do next -

- Continue cutting in paths and clearing
- Pedestrian gate and stile
- Mulch willow trees
- Plant trees

## EVENTS

Yoxfayre – It was suggested that we have a promotional stand at this event. Anne Gouge has suggested previously that she would be happy to do this and Maria offered to help her.

Nigel agreed to ask Anne about this. The stand would be largely promotional. So will need leaflets and any other literature available, the Yoxwood buzz wire can be used again and Nigel has some books that can be used as prizes. Sally and Nigel agreed to do the leaflets, but in black and white to keep costs down.

A Halloween event was discussed. A lantern parade from Mulberry Park to the field. Brazier at field with chestnuts etc. Fancy dress with prizes, toffee apples. However it was decided that this would be too close to the Magic night and we wouldn't be able to organise both.

Magic night was discussed. After doing a brief costing it was decided this would be a worthwhile venture. It was decided that the ticket price would include a light supper, probably soup and ploughmans platters. Sally suggested £10 a head with some family tickets (children free or reduced price, max 3 per family). The magicians cost £300 (negotiated to £250) but 6 magicians on weekdays as opposed to 3 at weekends. It was decided to go for a weekday (Tues –Thurs) in October preferably a Thurs. Half Term would be okay. Sally agreed to book this. Cash bar to be run by Nigel and James (Yoxfayre)

Cost estimate		Income estimate		Profit estimate	
Magicians	£250	80 adults at £10 each =	£800		
Food	£100	20 children	= £0		
Village Hall	£60	Cash Bar	£100		
<b>Total</b>	<b>£410</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£900</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>£490</b>

## 5. ACCOUNTS

Purchases

Materials for pedestrian gate	£50
Printed sign	£35
Rakes	£20

## 6. OTHER

**NEXT MEETING** Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> August at the Kings Head 7pm

### **Sub Groups**

- **Land Management**

Nick Prior  
Nigel Kerridge  
James Childs  
Andrew Freese

- **School Links** Sam Cutler