

**AGM MINUTES OF YOXWOOD PROJECT HELD AT THE YOXWOOD FIELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009 AT 7.30PM**

Attendance- Committee members: James Childs (Chairman), Nigel Kerridge (Vice Chair), Sally Barker, (Secretary & Treasurer), Nick Prior, Maria Humphreys and Hal Humphreys.

Attendance- Members of the Public: Amanda Childs and Joan Steel

Apologies: Ivor Brecker and Sam Cutler

1. REPORT ON PROGRESS

Our welcome and thanks go to everyone for attending.

Our vision for the scheme is to create a patch of traditional woodland with flourishing wildlife and where the villagers and their children can gather to enjoy the wildlife and meet other villagers. We would like to give a big thanks to Malcolm and June for providing this lovely field, in a great location next to the River Yox and for all their assistance over the last year.

Events over the past year

Our first grass cut was undertaken in May. Our thanks go to Russell Pearce for kindly doing this.

In July Nigel Kerridge kindly purchased a wheeled Brush Cutter on behalf of Yoxwood. Our thanks go to him for this. It has proved to be a useful, if not essential piece of equipment. Work parties have been clearing paths using this equipment and many people have joined in raking the Grass. Our thanks go to David and Joan Steel for so frequently assisting both at work parties and independently. We would also like to thank Jo and Carol for their help.

Yoxford Primary School held an end of term picnic for the school children, thanks to all the helpers who assisted with this.

Our first pedestrian gate and Notice board were installed in November 2009, enabling the field to be open to the public for the first time.

In December 2009 133 trees were planted by members of the public as part of a world Guinness record attempt. The record was easily broken, in fact a single Forestry group managed to break the record all on their own. The event was well attended, both by adults and children. The majority of these trees are growing happily. The trees were provided by donation and from the School Nursery, these being the trees that the children from school planted from seed at the start of the project.

In the spring Sally and Nigel constructed and treated two benches, the money for which was kindly donated by the Ipswich Building Society.

A BBQ and hay raking event was held in the spring. It was reasonably well attended although perhaps could have been better attended by children. Although the event did not make a profit we believe those attending enjoyed themselves.

We are very grateful for Grenville Clarke's successful application for funding from the Suffolk Biodiversity Project on our behalf, enabling us to re-emburse Nigel for the Wheeled Brush Cutter and to purchase a shed.

Lots of work has been done, but there is still a lot more to do and we need more people to get involved and help.

Over the next year we aim to put in another pedestrian access and to install the shed.

## 2. RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS

All members from last year stood down.

Sam Cutler chose not to re-stand as she has too many other commitments; however she is happy to remain as the Schools link and to continue organising events involving the children at school and on the field.

Our thanks go to Sam for all the work she has done in organising events in the past and we look forward to continuing to work with her.

## 3. RE-ELECTION OF EXSISTING AND NEW NOMINEES

Nominees:-

Chair-James Childs	Proposer: N Kerridge	Secunder: M Humphreys	In Favour: All
Vice Chair -Nigel Kerridge	Proposer: J Childs	Secunder: M Humphreys	In Favour: All
Secretary & Treasurer -Sally Barker	Proposer :N Kerridge	Secunder:M Humphreys	In Favour: All

Other Committee Members

Nick Prior

Ivor Brecker

Maria Humphreys

Hal Humphreys

Proposer: Sally Barker      Secunder: James Childs      In Favour: All

New Committee Members - No new members were elected:

## 4. TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK

Members of the public asked the following questions:

Joan asked for our viewpoint on allotment hedging which will share a boundary with the Yoxwood field and whether we had any preference as to varieties or height?

J Childs pointed out that hedging would be needed to form a wind break and from debris from flooding.

It was suggested it might be nice to have something that fruits. In general the hedging was felt to be a good idea, but perhaps to keep it to a low height. Different levels and mixed varieties would be fine. Joan Steel will hand on a list of varieties to look at. We appreciate the consideration of the allotment holders in asking our viewpoint on this matter.

## 5. OTHER

Hal Humphreys gave thanks to everyone on the Committee responsible for administration and to Nick Prior for all his hard work cutting the grass.

## MANAGEMENT PLAN

Planting Plan - After discussion it was agreed for Nick Prior, Nigel Kerridge and Hal Humphreys to get together to do this after Sally Barker has provided them with A3 sized plans of the site which she will give to Nick Prior.

## LAND MANAGEMENT

Shed - It was agreed to put this on hold until James Child's has recovered from his operation.

In the meantime Sally Barker and Nigel Kerridge agreed to level the site in readiness for the shed.

**NEXT MEETING/ WORKPARTY - THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST. 7.30PM ON THE FIELD**