

Minutes Peakirk Climate Emergency Group 10 May 2021

Attendees; Sally Jackson (SJ), Emma Crowson (EC), Anne Tuley (AT), David Hankins (DH), Henry Clark (HC).

- (1) Meeting began with the clerk to the parish council stating she would scan and circulate an article about Warminster parish council who have decided to ban the use of weed killers in the parish as this was something the group had discussed with a view to making a proposal to the parish council for Peakirk.
- (2) Logo/branding/communication - nothing more has happened with the newsletter. The Millennium corner had not been planted at the time of the meeting as the soil was very dry although poppy seeds and hollyhock seeds had been scattered as whilst the idea is to do a longer term planting in the autumn, at least some seeds may show for the summer to show we are making progress. The sign is up explaining the project and also at Firdale Close and the allotments. A more general newsletter to go out this month, possibly in a physical form but perhaps also on mail chimp and the village website.
- (3) Ongoing projects – SJ and DH met with Tony Cook of PECT and had a positive meeting. Neil Popple and Christine Dearman were also in attendance as was Sarah Kennedy. PECT have given £1700 for the allotment project but now the site has been partially cleared the money can be spent on other things. The plot has been half cleared and the grass roots removed. The turf will be removed and then stacked to create compost. Overgrown area to be partially cleared and a structure created for the collection of rainwater into water butts. There may also be room for some compost bins. SJ contacted the community orchard group in Stamford who were very helpful and discussed stepovers of apple trees for the allotment plot. DH to find out costings.
- (4) Village hall car park - the nettles have been removed and the plants at the back are starting to show through. The seeds bought by the Parish Council need growing in plugs - members of the group volunteered and other people have been asked if they want to help – these have now been allocated by SJ. A possible long term plan for the Millennium Corner would be foxgloves, hollyhocks, teasels and we can also plant some bulbs in the autumn. The uncut part of Firdale Close will need to be cut mid-September so it doesn't get too bad – it can be trimmed and raked so we do not interfere with the schedule of Mr Harding. Langdyke Trust have put an update on all villages on their website.
- (5) Road verges group - meeting in June at Bainton and training on recording what is on the verge will be given. North East Cluster Group - Northborough have not done much yet, Deeping Gate are creating an otter holt and SJ has helped Glinton with their boards. PCC meeting with Emma Naylor - their website promotes climate change initiatives. The Beautiful Burial Grounds workshop is on 24 June. Several people already signed up to attend. The Langdyke Trust has The Eighth Reserve Project which encourages pledges for improving individual gardens - people to be encouraged to sign up and SJ has sent an email regarding this.
- (6) We need to establish which areas in the village are cut by the council and by Mr Harding as there is confusion about who does what as the council recently cut areas that we appear to be paying Mr Harding for cutting - the plans are not tying up together.

Next meeting 7 June 7.30