

Peakirk Climate Emergency Group – Minutes of Meeting 5th July 2021

Attendees - Sally Jackson (SJ), Anne Tuley (AT) and Emma Crowson (EC)

Apologies - David Hankins and Henry Clark

(1) Newsletter has been distributed and residents now have a nominated person for each area. An article was in the latest edition of the Village Tribune and Henry has also distributed the newsletter by MailChimp. We still need to work out a way of involving others whose emails we have from the NP but we need to see if they consent to receiving emails from PCEG. Voting on logo continues with "sunshine " marginally ahead. SJ to contact Henry for an update. Facebook group now has 96 members.

(2) Ongoing projects - orchard project - we need to fix a date for a working party to do some work on the allotment plot and we need to get in touch again with the other community orchard groups. We need to set a plan for work within the village and perhaps do projects that the children can be involved in. AT and EC said they are more than willing to help and can fit around working hours.

(3) Village hall car park - more nettles need to be removed and there needs to be better delineation of planting as recently someone parked over the new planting. SJ proposed to get 3 more chalkboards and 1 more for the village green.

(4) Millennium Corner - there has been criticism that it is untidy and weed ridden but is improving all the time with inappropriate plants being removed but the remaining plants are taking hold and will be improved further with the other plants that residents are in the process of growing.

(5) Firdale Close - it is time to cut the grass but we need to do a species log first and compare after the grass has been cut to what species come through. The Beautiful Burial Grounds talk gave good tips and information on how to do this and we need to involve residents in recording the information for engagement. It was proposed that 31 July is potentially a day that the village could be involved in a survey as the grass needs cutting soon. SJ and AT are going to try and sycthe the grass in Firdale on 19 July. The debris could be put on the allotment.

(6) We need to explain more to residents what we are doing and why.

(7) SJ attended a John Clare Project verges meeting on 15 June and met with the new wildlife officer who is very enthusiastic and has proposed ideas such as evening walks and hinging onto this enthusiasm, the group would like to plan out a series of events up to the autumn.

(8) We are trying to sort out the grass cutting regime as some areas are being cut by Mr Harding and PCC so we are paying twice.

(9) Access and health- Nene Park trust is trying an app that will have local walks but it needs to co-ordinate with other groups so the work isn't repeated. AT recommended the Go Jauntly app for walks. Next meeting of John Clare project is on 21 July where costs for projects are to be put forward. Welland Bridge is one project. SJ met with councillor from Deeping to put forward the project for the bridge.

(10) Cluster working - not much has evolved from surrounding villages. The roundabout at

Glinton needs scything. Deeping Gate are concentrating on their otter holt.

(11) SJ had a meeting with Emma Naylor on 9 July in respect of the CHEESE project - email circulated.

(12) Now restrictions may be lifted we need to revisit ideas such as repair shop and visit from recycling centre. There was also suggestions re a climate emergency cafe at Northborough and a chat by local tradesmen on how to mend things.

(13) it was suggested that we could have a village competition where we identify birds similar to the Big Bird Watch. 18-26 September is Big Green Week - sites can be added to a national map. AT to follow up to encourage schools to be involved.

(14) Beautiful Burial Grounds workshop was very useful - Sarah was very good in explaining how to survey and everyone was positive.

(15) We need to establish a policy on weed management in the village - any ideas to SJ.

(16) Actions - to provide a list of potential events for the Parish Council.

Next meeting 2 August 7.30pm