

## Agenda for the Hildersham Land Management

This meeting followed the Parish Council meeting

Meeting started at 8.41pm

Present: Mark Logan, Darren Long, Rob Clay, Tom Barton-Owen, two members of the public and the Clerk.

### **1. Maintenance of the new plantation**

a) Grass cutting between the trees was done using a sit on mower and then a strimmer, as there were lots of mole hills.

b) To maintain the area Trustees had decided that a large gate needed to be installed and a quote had been obtained from Jonny Baker to install a 10 foot gate on new posts at a cost of £490.00, The posts would be concreted into the soil to try to preserve them longer when the area flooded. Another quote had been received from Mr Baker to fix the gate onto the recreation ground bridge with new posts at a cost of £380.00 (again these would be concreted in place); **Mark Logan proposed that both quotes be accepted, which was seconded by Darren Long with the support of all Trustees.**

c) Maintenance of the plantation going forward- once the new gate was installed maintaining the plantation would be a lot easier.

Jean Kelly mentioned that the broken gate latches on Pampisford Estate land and near the Water Mill had not been replaced.

### **2. Allotment**

a) Four plots let to new tenants with 3 remaining, but one unallocated plot has large tree that may need to be cut back or down. **Action: Mark Logan** to look at the large tree to consider what action should be taken.

**Mark Logan did not participate in the next item as he is an allotment holder.**

b) Allotment charges for the next year? **Rob Clay proposed that the rent for a standard plot be increased to £40/year which was seconded by Darren Long with the support of Tom Barton-Owen.**

c) When will the allotments be inspected? **Action: Darren Long and David Mercer** to inspect the allotments in October.

d) Queries from new allotment holder: can they fix new fencing, can they install a pond and can deliveries of compost come down Blench Land or should they barrow it in? **Trustees agreed that they could fix the fencing, they could have a small vehicle deliver compost down Blench Land but they could not have a pond.**

e) Could the council arrange/facilitate the creation of an allotment WhatsApp group? **Action: Mark Logan** would create a WhatsApp group for allotment

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holders by putting a notice on the Notice Board asking people for their mobile numbers

f) Reducing height of the boundary hedge at the far end of the allotment next to Mr Dellow's plot and reducing or cutting down an ivy-covered tree in that location. **Action: Clerk** – obtain three quotes to reduce the hedge (which contains a fence) to 5 foot high. **Action: Mark Logan** to check the ivy covered tree on the allotment area. Jean Kelly asked about the tree overhanging the river from Pampisford Estate and whether Mark Logan could check that it was safe.

### **3.South Holding**

a) Stolen bollards – an alternative to bollards at the entrance? Mark Logan suggested installing concrete blocks with hooks in for lifting, but these were very expensive; there was a discussion about Trustess making the concrete blocks. **Action: Rob** to ask Gerlad how he thinks it would be best to safe guard the entrance to the South Holding.

### **4. Recreation Ground**

a) Loose fence post near village hall has been repaired.  
b) Tree over hanging at far end of Rec has been cut back.  
c) New Gate post required for gate by the bridge from the Rec. Discussed earlier under the allotment item.  
d) Pollarding 2 willow trees near the bridge, Jon Watkins said they need doing (do we agree?). Trustees agreed that this should be put on the budget, once a quote was obtained- **action Clerk**.

### **5.Finance**

a) Update

Payments:

30/06/24- Ian Blackman- fencing new path- £596.00

02/09/2024- Darren Long- swing- £135.00

Income:

04/09/2024 - Smiths allot- £1.46

09/09/2024- Redingtons allot -£9.11

Balance £26,085.29

**Trustees agreed that the remaining £2.12 in the Allotment savings account could be transferred into the current account- action Clerk.**

### **6. Update on actions from RoSPA Report**

a) new swing and chains and Spring guard. Darren Long had installed the new swing but has been unable to find anything a cover the spring for the bouncy horse play equipment, but it was agreed to leave it as it was not identified as critical in the RoSPA inspection.

**Meeting closed at 9.15pm**

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