

Minutes Taken from Colwinston Ford Project Meeting – 3rd August 2022

PRESENT

Richard Gibb (RG)	Miles Davies (MD)	Paul Griffiths (PG)	Brian Morris (BM)
Liz Stone (LS)	Cynthia Gibb (CG)	Ed Lewis (EL)	Julia Olsen (JO)

APOLOGIES

Carl Hadley (CH)	Nia Davies (ND)	Julie Lloyd (JL)	Noni Bates (NB)
Alan Carr (AC)	Pamela Haines (PH)		

MATTERS ARISING

Bulb order has been acknowledged, delivery in the Autumn.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER

Paul Griffiths is the treasurer. Officially voted in by all seven members.

WOODLAND UPDATE

Tree surgeons will be brought in and many diseased Ash trees felled during the period of lane closure.

Most Ash trees will need to be felled.

The two trees by the pond will need to be felled into the woodland so that the trunks will be available for use as seating.

Some of the felled tree branches will be used for wood chips to enhance and create new paths.

Trees will cost a few thousands to be felled and more funding will be required.

WELL

Jonathan Wilson (stone mason) has been working on the Well.

However, the well is more problematic than originally thought.

There is 5 to 6 feet of water in the well with two main problems.

Problem 1 –The Well wall is cracking and could collapse.

Jonathan will repair and clean what he can.

Problem 2- Stone cap is unsafe, a grid is needed to cover it.

One of the walls is bowing.

Previously CADW were not interested in the Clapper Bridge or the Well (EL)

Jonathan will build a retaining wall for the bank.

WILDFLOWERS

Kath Jones wants some wildflower seeds for her field and is willing to donate to the project .
Let's meet up in August to extract flower seeds? However, it needs to be dry to do this.
Cynthia will send an email out in the evening/afternoon **(CG)**
Carl and Alan have strimmers available to cut plants and help spread seeds in September.

PATHS

Need a new pathway to allow access to the existing path next to the hedge.

SEATS

Need two more seats across the site.

GRANT APPLICATION

Stronger Communities Grant is out now.

We have until the end of August to get the application in.

Council wants to see what the money is being invested in.

We need quotes for the grant.

Need quotes from Huw Loughor and Keith Millward to build a bridge **(MD, RG LS)**

Bridge needs to be hard wood, have a guard rail, 5m long, and have 1m+ clearance either side of the stream.

Need to measure the exact sizes at the site for accuracy.**(RG,LS,CG)**

Need quotes for 2 time lapse cameras for the grant application. **(BM)**

The Vale Council will allow minor amendments to be made if needed.

APPLICATION

Specification and Quotes required by the middle of August for the following projects

1. Bridge that goes across the water **(RG,MD,LS,CG)**
2. Time lapse Cameras **(BM)**
3. Bird Hides **(BM)**
4. Quality Display Boards **(LS)**
5. Two seats (benches) **(CG)**
6. Bird, bat, dormouse boxes **(All)**

Miles will talk to Huw Loughor. Paul will talk to Huw Evans. Liz will talk to Keith Millward **(MD, LS, and PG)**

Cynthia will look at benches on Google **(CG)**

For the two benches, a slab paving base will be needed.

Potentially one bench by the pond and one by the layby.

We need a bank account. Ed will talk to Paul about it **(PG and EL)**

Stronger Communities Grant Application deadline 31/08/22. Joint Application between CCC and OFPG to enhance our chances. All quotes to be overseen by **JO** with help from all.

INSURANCE

Alan Carr and Pam Haines are sorting out **(AC and PH)**.

ROAD BRIDGE

The Road Bridge next to the Clapper Bridge is being eroded and will need attention soon.

An issue for The Vale Council **(BM)**

DITCH CLEARANCE

Lots of silt present. Several inches will need to be removed with a digger. Need a Quote to include in the Grant Application **(RG)**

Silt can be put into the woodland.

Date of Next Meeting

To Be Decided