

Minutes Taken from Colwinston Old Ford Project Meeting – 12th July 2022

PRESENT

Richard Gibb (RG)	Julie Lloyd (JL)	Miles Davies (MD)	Nia Davies (ND)
Noni Bates (NB)	Liz Stone (LS)	Cynthia Gibb (CG)	

APOLOGIES

Carl Hadley (CH)	Ed Lewis (EL)	Brian Morris (BM)	Alan Carr (AC)
Julia Olson (JO)	Pam Haines (PH)		

MATTERS ARISING

- Bulbs have been ordered and paid for. No acknowledgement from the company. Delivery expected in the Autumn. (CG)
- Bank account is dependent on the availability of the Treasurer.
- **Woodland Management Update**
- The timber is required by the Old Ford Group for log seating and wood chips for paths. Other requirements include dried sawn timber for building structures e.g. the proposed footbridge over Colwinston Brook, fencing and display boards.
- The Management of the felled timber will require the help of John and Julie Lloyd. This would require the removal of surplus timber in 16-18 ft lengths to Llandow for drying and further processing (Possibly by Did Edwards family). Any surplus timber chopped into logs to be sold for log burners, some kept, and some wood will be sold. Any surplus money after processing and sales costs would come back into the Old Ford Project funds. (JL, EL, RG)
- **Future Projects (All)**
- We will need to confirm our thoughts as Grant Application Season is starting soon.
- Suggestions so far include;
- Foot Bridge over Colwinston Brook
- Forest School
- Seating around the site
- Bird, bat and dormice boxes for the Woodland
- Hide for Wildlife observations
- Time Lapse cameras
- Information Boards- Professional and long lasting as the Queen's Jubilee Board opposite the Village Square. Liz Stone agreed to speak to Andy about the Boards (LS)
- **Pond and Wild Flower Maintenance Requirements**
- Working Party Sunday 19th June at The Old Ford.
- Very successful in clearing brambles, nettles, thistles, bindweed from the hedge.
- Alan Carr strimmed round The Clapper Bridge and all remaining Himalayan Balsam plants removed
- Many thanks to all who participated.

Open Sunday 17th July

- Poster Board showing all Wild Flowers planted in the Spring (CG, RG).
- Cold drinks and biscuits, shortcake (NB, PH, LS)
- Small working Party to clear stream of false watercress and cleavers requiring wheelbarrows and wellies
- **Update on Botanical Survey**
- Inspection of site by local Botanist Janet Rogers with ND and NB suggested no high risk plants on site, but to avoid risk any suspicious plants removed
- We've been invited to the WI Produce Show on the 3rd September to produce a presentation about The Old Ford Project (LS)
- Comments to LS from a few parents about lack of grassy areas on site. Hopefully after harvesting the site in September we will see some undersown grass and with conjunction of more seating this will be resolved for next year. Hopefully this will also be backed up with more paths and seating

Any Other Business

Seed Harvesting in August/September

Invitation to villagers communication through Newsletter, Facebook (JF)

Date of next meeting 3rd August 2022 Venue to be arranged nearer the time