



Present: Ann Williams, Bryan Williams, Alex Olah, Camilla Olah, Elizabeth James, Neil Graham, and Colin Chapman

Apologies:

Circulation to above: Dave & Joan Hayes, Claire, Emily, Heather Lloyd, Gareth Utting, Rita & Duncan Jowett, Liz & Stuart, Gareth Eggar, Shaun Burkey, Maggie Rowlands & Hilary & Elizabeth, Paul Roberts and Maryse

Minutes of previous meeting Were accepted as a true record.

Matters arising

Dingle water quality No further information

Ragwort

We had an additional pull on the 27th and it was agreed that it keeping it under control by pulling is beyond the ability of this group. Ann reported that Cinnabar caterpillars can be purchased but that there are none available for this season.

Ann suggested removing the seed heads at the next green gym. This would only be an interim measure but might allow us to deal with the East Scrubland and therefore help protect our farmer neighbour. Neil suggested we write to County and ask for their policy on ragwort, making it clear, both that we are unable to control it, and that owners of neighbouring land are greatly concerned.

Mammal Group Visit

We await a list from Paul.

Spider Group Visit

They picked a wet stormy day for their visit but we believe they had a productive day. Feedback is awaited.

Other business

Lantern Parade Heather agreed to handle the refreshments again.

Ann has sent a letter to St Martins Parish Council requesting support.

Mammal Group Visit

The Community Centre room is booked. The projector is required.

This public event is scheduled for Saturday 22nd with a return to The Centre afterwards.

Brownies

Ifton had an enjoyable day at the Brownie's car boot sale, met some friends of Ifton Meadows and were grateful for generous donations which will support the lantern Parade.

Alex has made use of an existing bird box, for his plans to deliver a session to the brownies, and will follow up in the autumn.

Other Business

Woodland Trust

It was reported that Sue Crowe has offered trees from the Woodland Trust. Ann has said that this wouldn't be appropriate for Ifton Meadows but suggested that orchard trees for use in the village might be an option, making use of the Community Orchard Project.

Community Equipment

Alex raised the issue of equipment which might be shared by community groups, but is difficult for individual groups to house... He suggested it might sit in a shed within the Community Centre grounds. He identified a suitable spot adjacent to the Ifton shed,

Lantern Parade

It was agreed that Ann should explore the fireworks option at similar money to last year.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

Future Dates

Next Green Gym_Sunday 11th August 1.30pm at Main Entrance

Next Meeting Tuesday 13th August 7.30pm at Community Centre