

COVE BROOK GREENWAY GROUP

Committee Meeting

Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at Blunden Hall

1. Present	Hilda Anscombe, Mary Harris, Mary Yeldham, Kathy Pitcher, Antonia Hebert, Mark Goldup, Mike Burns, Dorothy Toynbee	ACTIONS
2. Minutes of the Meeting 13/11/17	Minutes were agreed and signed	
3. Matters arising from November 2017	<p>The extra laminated posters advertising Work Parties – colour coded depending on where they were to take place (the 3 main places we go) have now been produced.</p> <p>Poster for the Library had not yet been done. Mary Y reported that the Library had clearly had a clear-out so there were not many posters up at the moment. Now would be a good time therefore to get this done. Rachel H to be asked again if she could do this</p> <p>New brooms have been bought</p> <p>Paul has not been able to find a strimmer to buy</p> <p>Kathy volunteered to take the gloves home to sort them out</p>	<p>Mary H</p> <p>Kathy</p>
3.Chairman's Report	<p>Hilda thanked everyone for keeping things going while she had been away.</p> <p>We have been approached by Rushmoor BC to consider taking responsibility for a defibrillator. This prompted lots of questions such as what does taking responsibility mean? Would there be any costs? Where would it be located? What happens if it was vandalised? Hilda agreed to go back to him to find out more.</p>	Hilda
5. Treasurer's Report	<p>Balance now stood at £1791.76.</p> <p>This does not include the fact that the money already spent on the website will be re-funded by a grant, which we can claim once the website is finished.</p> <p>A grant of £1,000 for putting in the posts had been agreed but not yet claimed.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should purchase 2 besoms</p> <p>Other suggestions for how we could use the funds were:</p> <p>Shelves in the Office?</p>	Mary H

	<p>Large bags to carry the equipment around</p> <p>Sharpening and servicing the secateurs</p> <p>There is no resolution yet of the question as to whether we are going to have to pay rent and rates for the office</p>	<p>Mary H</p> <p>Mary H</p>
6. Working Party Update	<p>The January work party had a very productive.</p> <p>We cut and cleared some unsightly dead nettles near the pedestrian bridge near Blunden Hall then opened up the "pinch point" near Glebe Rd. This is the unsightly and overgrown bit near the new bin. We collected all the rubbish there. But the main task was to cut the bramble behind the railings on Glebe and down to the water edge.</p> <p>We should revisit the area on our February work party to further cut the stumps and rake the area, possibly having a small fire on the edge of the water. Some roots could be dug up and some flower seeds scattered which will make the banks much more attractive. Depending on number of people we can move in either direction cutting more patches of bramble, even to five arches.</p> <p>Stuart from BV will probably lead a hedge laying task in Birchbrook in February. As last year we can follow up by using the off cuts from that plus tidying up the two fallen trees there to extend our dead hedge in the March work party.</p> <p>Paul has left some evening primrose seeds in BH in the black tub that can be used by anyone anywhere, I have a lot more and will obtain more seeds of other varieties for February,</p> <p>April will be the RBC spring clean</p>	
7. Speaker meetings	<p>Charlie Fraser-Fleming will be giving the talk on Tuesday Feb 13th.</p> <p>It was agreed that we should aim to have another talk on 29th May and the AGM on 14th August.</p> <p>Ideas for who to invite to talk were discussed. The alternative of an airport tour by TAG was considered. Hilda agreed to find out what is possible</p>	<p>Hilda</p>
8. Website	<p>Progress had been made with the website and Mary H has been back in touch with the web designer to make suggestions for how it should look.</p> <p>It is hoped that the site should be in a sufficient state for people to have a look and review it by the end of February. Mary will let people know when that is the case.</p>	<p>Mary H</p>

9. Newsletter	<p>Newsletter was now with Rachel H for formatting</p> <p>Deadline for next newsletter was set as Friday April 13th</p>	
10. Signage Project	<p>We had a quote for putting up the signs, from Rushmoor's chosen supplier – which was £700 higher than the grant amount. It was agreed that we did not have to go to another supplier for a competitive quote, but the quote was almost certainly more expensive than necessary – because we did not need as many large posts. It was agreed that Mary H and Hilda would again survey the route and produce a final proposal and go back for a revised quote. We would then know the difference between the amount being asked for and the grant and we could then decide whether to look for additional funding or not.</p>	Hilda and Mary H
13. AOB	There was none	
14. DONM	April 17 th 2018	