

TFWG Meeting, November 8th 2018-11-08

Geoff, Judy, SteveE, Nigel, Neil, Michael, Ralph, David, SteveB, Lyn
Several members of the community
The meeting was chaired by SteveB.

1. Apologies

None

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Notes of previous meeting

Accepted

4. Matters arising

all covered by tonight's agenda

5. Terms of Reference - This was agreed

All members agreed with the document as approved by the PC.
A suggestion arose that perhaps each meeting should be started by allowing members of the public to raise any questions.

6. Current Issues

a) Trees

The recent Tree Survey made recommendations for some tree surgery - 2 quotes are being requested by David - need 3 quotes. Suggestions were made for him to obtain a third one. SteveE asked the question raised by Peter Morgan regarding ivy regrowing on some trees - this will be covered by the survey. Quotes hopefully to be available within 3 weeks. Quotes are for all of the work required - high priority as well as longer term so as to allow funds to be planned for the future. It was decided that the full tree report was too large to be made available on the website but could be sent to people on request

b) Himalayan Balsam

Roger Cole expressed the strong opinion from AWEG that no chemicals should be used. Roger referred to Cheshire Wildlife Trust who did a survey/report in 2016 after the Audlem Neighbourhood Plan entitled 'Protecting and Enhancing Audlem's Natural Environment'. Neil

will circulate the report Turnpike Field area is included in the report and appears to be designated as a Local Wildlife site. Maps 6,8 and 9 and the subsequent paragraph appear to be the most relevant.

A professional ecological survey should be carried out done by a professional.

Also there is CABI approach using an experimental method of spreading the Rust disease - this is costly, experimental and takes up to 10 years to be effective. Roger has discussed it with them. Carol Ellison is their scientist. Lyn had discussed also it with her. Manual pulling would need volunteers and is best done just before it flowers. There was a lot of discussion regarding disadvantages of spraying versus pulling and/or strimming. Suggestion of forming a sub-group involving AWG to put together a plan for the January meeting - Roger David, Lyn and Nigel will do this.

Whilst it was commented that Himalayan Balsam is well liked by bees, it was also said that this takes the attention away from indigenous species. The TFWG will discuss and how to approach doing a survey at the January meeting.

c) Pedestrian Gate

All is done for now - it is a temporary solution and not ideal - but a great first step. Congrats to David for getting it sorted so quickly.

d) Car Park

David has put together an initial plan for discussion purposes. Following this we can now start to investigate costs. It would be helpful to find a qualified resident to help 'economically'. David Latchford said he would have a think about anyone who might help. Jenny suggested finding a local college that might take it on as a project. David will investigate.

e) Procedure for using the field.

The PC had discussed this at the last meeting and a form will be prepared for anyone wishing to use the field for an event. The TFWG needs to be consulted about any event to ensure no conflicts with any work being carried out.

The field is going to be cut/flailed soon. Lyn suggested, and it was agreed, that the Shropshire Street gate should be locked for the day. Lyn will let SteveE know the date so that it can be publicised on AOL. It

was agreed that some notices be put up to warn people using the public footpath about the work - Parish Council Members of the Working Group will sort this out.

7. Suggestions for field usage.

The ideas already suggested will be published on AOL (SteveE) and ask for more ideas - make sure we warn about any overage issues
We could then do an online survey prior to the February Open Meeting so as to get some early feedback.

SteveE will investigate using the village TV system to publicise the request for ideas.

Gather all of these for the Feb meeting for voting.

8. Finance

a) Sources

Availability of funds for trees etc requires input from Ecological survey to help determine what to ask for.

b) Donations.

Geoff mentioned the 100 or so volunteers who offered help. Geoff will get the PC to contact them all to firm up on how much they will provide!

c) New Homes Bonus

Just announced, CE has made funds available across the county. David is involved. PC are submitting a bid for the car park in conjunction with the neighbouring parishes.

9. Communications

a) Communication, Consultation and Engagement Strategy

Need to document our communications strategy
SteveE to put together a summary and circulate prior to next meeting - will also investigate use of social media

b)Website/Email Account

Both up and running. SteveE is awaiting input from PC Clerk as regards the PC' strategy on GDPR so as to ensure compliance.

10 AOB

Village people still want an area for basket ball/net ball practise. Used to be one in the car park but was removed by CE

Not clear why using the field would create overage this if it was simply a play area. This will be discussed again at a future meeting
Someone needs to check on the area of the field previously used as a dumping ground. SteveB will approach Cheshire East as to how to investigate this.

11. Next Meeting

TFWG meeting Thursday 17th January, Thornton Room 19:30.