



MINUTES

Hethersett Environmental Action Team Committee

10th June 2024

at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ.

Members:

Cllr Anne Edwards (AE) (Chair)
Cllr Jenny Walpole (JW)
Cllr Bridget Williamson (BW)

Present:

LW, BW, JW, GD, JL, JG, FW, DW Non-Councillor committee members: Jane Gamble, Julie Lawrence, Dave Walpole Geoff Dyett & Felicity Wallace.

Members of the public: 0

Sara White (Deputy Clerk)

19:30 Meeting opened

1 Apologies for absence, to receive

- Received from AE
- AE nominated as Chair to HEAT in her absence. Proposed: JW, Seconded: BW
- BW Chaired in AE absence

2 Declarations of Interest, to record

JW (Village Hall)

3 Minutes of the previous meeting, to resolve

- Held on 13.05.24
- Amendment to 6.1 to state Norfolk County Council and not South Norfolk Council
- Amendment to 7.1 Litter pick date Sunday 18th August 2024
- Proposed: BW, Seconded: GD, Vote: Unanimous.

4 To receive progress reports and responses on items raised at previous meetings

4.1 Seed Library – DW to look at the fixings for securing

4.2 Steeple Tower (Churchfields Entrance) – Correspondence from resident read out the area and request to enhance and tidy it. ½ whisky barrel planters to be purchased from Notcutts as there is a national shortage. Shade loving plants suggested for planting out. Invite residents to help clear the area. The next working group will be 19/06/24 at 6.30pm.

4.3 Norfolk Biodiversity Awards: The team leading this has invited HEAT to attend The Forum on 23/06/24 to host a stand. GD & FW volunteered to split shifts between them.

4.4 Hethersett Cubs environmental badge – The Cubs completed some great work in the rewilding areas and the Back Garden.

5 The Back Garden

5.1 To receive and discuss the updated plan of action.

- The back border is planted out.
- GD went to Swallow Aquatics and reported the cost of one single pond Lily is £24.99. It was agreed that GD purchase it for the Back Garden Pond. Proposed: GD, Seconded: DW and unanimous.
- Volunteer evening event to be planned for Friday 19th July 2024, 7pm at the Back Garden. Invite Parish Councillors to attend.
- Invite Hethersett Friendly Gardeners to the Back Garden.
- JW to remember key for water so that others can access the supply to water the Back Garden in dry period if water butts are empty.
- Keep it growing grant has become available via South Norfolk Council. It was agreed to apply for this grant for funding related to the Back Garden project and to use it for engagement and talks purposes. SW to look over application.

5.2 Statement of accounts to follow separately

6 Rewilding Hethersett:

6.1 To receive and discuss the updated plan of action.

- The bed around the village sign has been weeded.
- The village sign area is managed by Norfolk County Council (NCC). In 2023, the Parish Council took the decision not to cut areas owned and maintained by NCC. An email was sent to Cllr Bills and NCC to advise this. BD has resent this email to Cllr Bills asking for this to be followed up with NCC as a response was not received in 2023. It was agreed to contact NCC once again to follow up on the areas 1. Village sign 2. Glengarry verges 3. Nettles at the Bus Stop outside St Remigus Church and to invite a representative from NCC Highways to attend the village sign site to provide further instruction on the rewilding areas. JW to also provide to SW a list of South Norfolk Council owned land within Hethersett. Proposed: BW, Seconded and unanimous
- Village hall field – cleared the rewilding areas of weeds and the grass keeps coming back. Some areas of the field rewilding have been lost. It was agreed to concentrate on the successful rewilding areas.
- Great Melton Close: There will be a working party on 16/06/24 at 10am in preparation for the open-air church service on 29/06/24.
- JW sent 'What Three Words' locations of trees to Hugh Coggles at South Norfolk Council, as he has requested a map showing the location of the oaks for consideration of TPOs.
- Jubilee planter looking good.
- GP planter has not been planted out for summer. JL to add some geraniums to it.

6.2 Statement of accounts to follow separately

7 To discuss community litter picks, recycling, litter, and dog waste:

7.1 The community litter pick held on 18/05/24 was poorly attended. SW to promote the next one heavily.

7.2 Future litter pick dates:

- **Saturday 15th June, 2pm at the Back Garden (Village Hall) – GD & AE not available**
- **Saturday 13th July, 10am at The Methodist Church**
- **Saturday 17th August, 2pm at The Back Garden**

7.3 Dog bins emptying and monitoring: Larger replacement bins to be purchased as per previous resolution 1. Canns Lane and 2. Opposite Methodist Church. SW to investigate Gladdstone Jubilee bins.

and repainting/spraying and following LW experiment of cleaning the outside of the general waste bin, SW requested a risk assessment be produced. It was also noted that South Norfolk Council had missed emptying some of the bins.

8 Future projects

- 8.1 Hethersett's Great Big Green Picnic – 30th June 2024
- Banner completed and to go up 2 weeks before
 - Vegan and gluten free cakes, biscuits required. List ingredients
 - JW will go shopping with the Coop voucher
 - Find bunting
 - Pay for hire of Hay and make contact
 - Finalise story telling times

9 Orchid Theft

- The parish office received an email from South Norfolk Council informing us that Pyramid and Bee Orchids had been removed from the small area on Admiral Way and they will be approaching the police liaison team to report this and see if a crime has been committed.

10 Hedgehog Highways

- Hedgehogs R Us is running a highways project and asking for each area of the UK to use a small portion of assigned funds to purchase a box of hedgehog highways surrounds and make them available for residents. It was agreed that one box of 50 should be purchased at the cost of £150. Proposed: BW, Seconded: GD & unanimous.

11 Norfolk and Suffolk nature recovery project & community recovery project

- It was agreed to carry this over to the next meeting

12 £104 donation in memory of Colin Steward

- It was agreed to think about what the funds could be used for and to carry this over to the next meeting

13 Entrance to Hethersett

- As per item 4.2 & 6.1

14 Public Participation

None

15 Date of the next meeting, to note

Monday 8th July 2024, 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ.

21:33 Meeting Closed

These minutes have been approved as a true account.

Name:

Signed:

Date: