

MALBOROUGH & SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCILS

Minutes of SMASH CEB Meeting.

Date: 7 th June 2023		Venue & Time: Village Hall Annex, 4.00pm
Members Present: Emma Gray Cllr Jo Hocking Tony Lyle Jamie Rundle Janey Syrett	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk to Malborough & South Huish Parishes Ben Bryant	Apologies: Georgie Tann Sara Robinson Pauline Stidston

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SMASH CEB MEETING:

It was resolved to accept the minutes from 5th April 2023

3 OPEN FORUM (allocated time not longer than 15 minutes, a member of the public shall not speak for more than 2 minutes as per Standing Orders): No guests present.

4 BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- a) TL: EV Charging points – there's a cable running on the east side of the hall, if this can be tapped into we could have a three-phase supply. No costs were mentioned. TL is meeting with Tim from the VHC to discuss further.
- b) Open sessions: It was stated that based on the numbers at the last session it is unlikely the respective parish councils would support another within the next few weeks. A suggestion was made to have one on 9th September but to have a different outlook as a way of encouraging more people to attend. This will be taken to the Parish Councils for approval.
- c) Purchase & Distribution of Hedgehog doors. We have been in touch with the company and await their response. *Post Meeting Note: These have now been received.*
- d) Beach Feet – maintenance/reinstallation. TL and JR have not done anything. KH will contact Sean Hassall for an update.
- e) Community orchard update. No update has been received from Cllr Long.
We await a management plan, details of ownership and access arrangements. Could the land be utilised to include a community growing project for fruit and vegetables?
- f) Wildflower VH subcommittee action plan update. TL advised that some of the people from the churchyard wild flowering will help with the village hall flowers too.
- g) Community Compost scheme. EG thanked Ben Bryant for attending the meeting.
Ben is a Director of Devon Community Composting Network and Compost Mentor from Sustainable South Hams. SHDC have ringfenced £200k towards community composting schemes, very little of which has been distributed to potential schemes in the area.
 - The working relationship with South Hams District Council needs to be improved re the composting schemes/funding. It is positive that the Councillors for Climate Change and Nature have been named as Cllr John Mackay and Cllr Jackie Hodgson. <https://www.southhams.gov.uk/community-composting>
 - There are 36,000 households in the South Hams who have a brown bin. Following the change to the collection of these bins there is a scheme to convert defunct bins to water butts or worm farms.
 - A questionnaire has been issued to both Malborough and South Huish residents to obtain evidence of what is wanted in the parishes. Once the responses have been assessed we need to consider potential sites/funding and applications for funding.

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- TL suggested the land to the rear of Cumber Close for a community composting site or more allotments. The land is protected green space so this would need to be investigated if the SVRA were to give permission. Other suggestions for land included the runoff area for Furzedown and a site near the community orchard. Any amenity issues such as smell/noise of shredding would have to be carefully considered.
 - A potential roadshow for community composting was suggested for 1st October, this will be taken to the respective Parish Councils for permission.
 - Could future S106 agreements incorporate an element for a composting project or similar? This will be taken to the Parish Councils for discussion.
- h) SMASH meeting times/days – a poll will be set up to find out what days/times would suit most people. TL to find out what happened with the contact details of those who have attended the meetings. A newsletter insert can then be produced - how to attract a wider range of people from both parishes and increase working group numbers.
- i) SMASH working group – it was approved to share the chairmanship of SMASH meetings.
- j) South Huish Parish Council & Malborough Parish Council meeting updates. JR distributed a document sharing information about SMASH to Malborough Parish Council. Both councils have a monthly update and receive copies of all minutes.
- k) Article suggestions for next Malborough Messenger and South Huish newsletters.
- Focus on volunteering
 - Community Composting
- l) To agree dates for future events – litter picks, beach cleans. A suggestion of w/c 17th July was suggested, this will be sent out via the WhatsApp group.

5 FINANCE UPDATE: Deferred until July 2023.

MEETING ENDS 17.37 Hrs

DATES FOR THE DIARY: 5th Jul, 6th Sept (Old Inn), 4th Oct (Old Inn), 1st Nov

Signed as a true record: _____

Print Name & Date: _____

Distribution list:

- Climate Emergency Sub-committee
- Malborough Parish Council
- South Huish Parish Council
- Tree Warden for Malborough & South Huish Parishes