

MALBOROUGH & SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCILS

Minutes of SMASH CEB Committee Meeting;

Date: 7th April 2021		Venue & Time: Virtual Meeting, 16.00hrs
<u>Present:</u> Tony Adams (part meeting) Cllr Jo Hocking Tony Lyle Sara Robinson (part meeting) Pauline Stidston Cllr Janey Syrett	<u>In Attendance:</u> Katharine Harrod – Parish Clerk Guests Present: 0	<u>Apologies:</u> Ali Baker

WELCOME & APOLOGIES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

All present approved the minutes of the last meeting 18th March 2021 without alteration.

TREE PLANTING PAST & FUTURE:

100 whips are being obtained. It is proposed to plant them on Saturday 24th, the children will be encouraged to help and they may be able to undertake some of it as part of a future Forest School session. Canes will be sited in the wood to show where the new trees will be planted – this will be done at 4pm on 21st April.

TL has spent time removing brambles from the affected area. Two weeks ago Pitman Trees spent two days in the wood to thin it out and remove those affected by Ash dieback. There are now some gaps that can be filled when the new trees are received.

It should be noted that Sustainable Malborough & South Huish do not condone the removal of any trees unless they are dead/diseased or causing a potential danger to life or property. Before a tree undergoes works of any nature it should be proven by a professional arborist. This is essential in conservation areas where the trees are given significant protection in law.

A poster for the planting day will be designed and distributed by KH, this will include contact names to enable people to register their interest.

KH will look into a basic website including costings that can be regularly updated with relevant information. This will be taken to the Parish Councils for approval.

BEACH CLEANS & KEEP BRITAIN TIDY:

a) Beach Clean 28-30th March:

Soar Mill Cove – the clean went well, a group of people attended the clean.

A variety of people attended the Hope Cove cleans, there wasn't a huge volume of rubbish but the beach was left in an improved state – including the disposal of a porpoise.

The bags have been picked up by Gary Joliffe.

We need to work on getting wider engagement from the local communities.

It was noted that there was a very significant number of micro beads that couldn't all be picked up. Can we obtain one of the Karcher "hoovers" specifically for this purpose? Noted that District Councillors are being given funds to support climate projects. TA will speak to Gary Joliffe about micro-beads and how to best remove them.

NB: We mentioned, Cornish Plastic Pollution Coalition: <https://cppccornwall.org.uk/>.

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- b) **Spring Clean:** Proposed events on 12th & 13th June in Malborough, Galmpton, Hope Cove and South Huish, suggest we arrive at 11am, provide pickers and bags and a route to follow. We can also offer a smaller event in Malborough Playing Fields and/or Cycle Path to encourage more children to get involved. KH to forward details of Footpath Officers to TA to enable us to target problem areas.

WILDFLOWER PLANTING & Care

Encouraging biodiversity – planting trees/wildflowers – all land ownership will be established and permission obtained before planting will take place.

SR has provided information regarding how to create/maintain wildflower areas in an effective way. JH, JS & KH will take the proposal to their respective parish councils to request suggestions for land that could be used and people to manage those spaces. Once this has been established we can agree with the authorities that we will take over those areas and they will no longer be required to maintain them.

Can we grow wildflowers on the roofs of bus stops? This will be discussed with the councils.

TASK SHARING & BUSINESS MEETINGS:

- a) **Long term aims & focus:**
- Establishing and then reducing the carbon footprint of businesses and domestic properties.
 - Reducing food waste, food miles, energy involved in producing food.
 - Reviewing options in respect of Transport, Footpaths, Bridleways.
 - Support for the proposed Cycle Track between Kingsbridge to Salcombe. KH to follow up.
 - Potential addition to Village Signs (see below), with a carbon savvy community type statement.



- Potential signs in the shape of trees to encourage care of our surroundings.
- Promotion of composting areas and consideration of a composting scheme. Composting schemes link: <https://ssb.org.uk/projects/the-marsh-community-compost-and-re-use-centre/> Information how to compost: <https://dccn.typepad.com/files/composting-news>.
- Holding an Energy Fair. This will be the focus of a future meeting.

NEXT MEETINGS:

21st April. Meeting at the top of the Wood at 4pm followed by brief meeting and social.
12th May 4pm, Zoom

Meeting ends 17.04hrs

Distribution list:

- Climate Emergency Committee
- Malborough Parish Council
- South Huish Parish Council
- Jamie Rundle – Tree Warden for Malborough & South Huish Parishes