

MALBOROUGH & SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCILS

INQUORATE MEETING. Overview only SMASH CEB.

Date: 1 st November 2023		Venue & Time: Village Hall Annex, 6.30pm
Members Present: Emma Gray Jamie Rundle	In Attendance: Katharine Harrod – Clerk to Malborough & South Huish Parishes	Apologies: Cllr Jo Hocking Georgie Tann Sara Robinson Tony Lyle

REF 2023/24 MINUTES

1 WELCOME & APOLOGIES

The meeting was not quorate. As such those present were only able to provide an overview of the current situation to ensure all parties are apprised.

As SMASH is currently lacking people, the Parish Councils will need to give consideration on how to proceed with the group, preferably with a view to increasing numbers.

2 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS SMASH CEB MEETING:

The minutes from 7th June 2023 were not able to be approved.

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) Community Compost Event, scheme and funding bid. Update from EG.
- The community composting event has been deferred until March 2024.

Emma first agreed to look into the viability of a community compost scheme in October 2022. Since then she has visited other local schemes, notably South Brent and Ashprington.

The conclusions drawn from this were as follows:

- Need a site of approx. 300m²
- 3 open-sided compost bins
- Storage facility for tools, volunteer stuff – small storage container
- Space for larger compostable material for SHDC to come and break down every 2-3mths
- Reasonable access for cars to bring material to site and for SHDC tractor and chipper to come in and out

Timeline since May 2023:

May 2023 – Registration of Interest completed on SHDC website

June 2023 – put in grant application to Co-op – a response is due regarding success of the application.

7th June – Ben Bryant (SusSH and Devon Community Compost Network) attended SMASH meeting to explain next steps for a community compost scheme

June-July 2023 – questionnaires sent out to both South Huish and Malborough parishes via post offices and both newsletters. 30 responses were received– example of some of the results:

- 52% signed up for brown bin collection in 2023 – same as SHDC wide
- 100% said compost scheme would be useful
- 81% said they would use it
- 55% would volunteer
- 70% would bring compostable material to site

October 2023 – Home Compost Roadshow postponed because of very poor weather conditions – rebooked for Saturday 2nd March 1-4pm.

November 2023 – 8th Nov – Sustainable South Hams Change Makers meeting re community compost schemes.

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Next steps/indication of timings:

- Nov '23 – May '24 – Find and secure a site
 - May – Oct – work with Ben Bryant and SHDC to secure funding. Form a working party.
 - Nov '24 – Jan '25 – Recruit volunteers, set-up scheme in situ
 - April '25 – open scheme to the two parishes
- b) Beach Feet – maintenance/reinstallation. KH
This project is now being managed by South Huish Parish Council. The beach feet are being removed from their current locations, they have been in touch with the Men's Shed to ask for their assistance, they have a parishioner from South Huish who has very kindly said that he will help with the resin requirements.
- c) Community orchard update. Cllr Long is to speak with EG & JR
- d) Wildflower VH subcommittee action plan update. TL not present, no update.
- e) SMASH meeting times/days – this will be referred back to the respective Parish Councils for consideration.
- f) Parish Council response to the SMASH query regarding future S106 payments due to the parishes. All S106 monies are allocated to projects at the time of the initial planning agreement. If SMASH want to seek some funding they would need to present a document detailing the project they would like to be considered. This would need to provide justification for the proposed project, evidence of support as well as permissions approval and an idea of costs
- g) Next Events Time/Date. To be confirmed.

MEETING ENDS 19.37 Hrs

DATES FOR THE DIARY: To be confirmed.

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