

Charmouth Parish Council

Notes of Environment Group meeting on Tuesday 29th November 2022

Present: Jane Bremner (Chair), Julie Leah, Katy Tunstall, Ivor Clist, Andrew Lightfoot

Apologies: Peter Noel

- 1. Interpretive plaques:** Jane was thanked for having typed up the text on the various interpretive plaques in the village. There was discussion of what changes could be made with the following action points:
 - Refer those mentioning the beach/coast to the Charmouth Coast Heritage Centre;
 - Explore potential to include QR codes;
 - Seek advice on birds from Richard Phillips (Andrew);
 - Develop plaque for the ant hills, to be placed either on site or at the bottom of West Green and ask Natural England for input;
 - Seek specialist input on butterflies (Jane);
 - Seek National Trust input on flora (Jane);
 - Focus on local walks, with map, rather than the South West Coast Path;
 - Refer to reed bed rather than 'the marsh' and include a map/plan;
 - Seek sources of art work through Facebook (Julie);
 - Develop a plaque for the playing field, including reference to the Queen's Green Canopy and mature trees, community orchard proposal, historic wall, contacts for football, bowls, Scouts, events.
- 2. Charmouth in Bloom:** the outcome of the meeting held with representatives of village organisations on 18th October was reported. Follow up actions agreed were:
 - Invite Lesley Jelleyman to our next meeting;
 - Promote the use of the iNaturalist app/website;
 - Undertake further tree planting of the Queen's Green Canopy on Saturday 10th December at 10am (with possible follow up on 17th);
 - Julie and Ivor to research design and costings for a community orchard;
 - Accept offer of an oak tree from Rotary as a commemoration of the Platinum Jubilee;
 - Ask the Parish Council to allow volunteers to maintain 'Tommy's garden' and to plant it on the lines proposed by Angela Turner.

3. **A35 verges:** the communication with Highways England about management of the verges to maximise biodiversity was discussed, including John Calder's involvement. It was agreed to ask the Parish Council's Deputy Clerk to arrange a meeting for members of the Environment Group with a representative of Highways England. John would be informed of this but not included in the meeting.
4. **Recycling facilities at the foreshore:** the challenges around managing recycling facilities at the foreshore were discussed. It was agreed to research alternative collectors of glass and to seek advice from Litter Free Dorset and Dorset Council in order to advise the Parish Council's Foreshore Committee of the possibilities. Julie to lead.
5. **Thermal imaging camera:** it was confirmed that the Vision 2030 project had bought a camera for use in Charmouth and Char Valley which was to be held by an 'energy champion' in the village. Adverts for volunteers to be trained in its use were to be placed on the Council's web site and noticeboards.
6. **2030 Vision:** it was agreed to continue working with this initiative informally and on specific projects such as the thermal imaging camera. A presentation to the Council was regarded as unnecessary.
7. **Notes of meeting held on 11th October:** noted.
8. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 7th February: agenda to include an item on declaring a climate emergency.