

Charmouth Parish Council

Environment Group: Tuesday 7th February 2023

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

Apologies: Peter Noel

1. **South West in Bloom:** Jane welcomed Lesley to the meeting in her capacity as Charmouth's mentor for the SW in Bloom competition. Ideas for potential implementation were discussed:
 - Community orchard: Julie and Ivor to get quotes for 8-10 standard trees with stakes and guards;
 - Commemorative oak? Jane to follow up;
 - Provide information on the sites of interest on the CPC web site;
 - Take regular photographs: Andrew;
 - Enquire about the school's involvement: John;
 - Encourage youth organisations to participate eg art activities;
 - Encourage all residents to have displays on/around their front doors;
 - Develop a dinosaur garden at the foreshore;

Lesley advised us to keep a record of village activities on a monthly basis and also to apply the SW in Bloom criteria to all that we do.

2. **Tree planting:** Julie proposed that the hedge planting in the playing field should be postponed until the autumn due to the need for consultation and the impact of the tree surgeon's work on many existing trees. This was agreed.
3. **Differential mowing:** Julie agreed to draft plans for designs on the playing field and West Green to put to the Playing Field and Foreshore Committees.
4. **Jubilee Garden:** agreed to advertise for volunteers and ask the Playing Field Cttee for two new, larger planters.
5. **Cairn plaques:** draft revised text for the cairns at the foreshore had been circulated: this was to be forwarded to Dorset Council. Text for a new plaque for the reed bed also to be drafted. Text on specific aspects of the flora and fauna, to be accessed through QR codes, to be approximately one A4 page each.

6. **A35 verges:** Jane and Andrew had met with two officers of National Highways earlier in the afternoon in order to learn more about their programme. Summary attached.
7. **Declaration of a climate emergency:** Julie proposed that this be put to the Parish Council. It was agreed to reflect on this following a virtual event on the topic being organized by the DAPTC for 14th February.
8. **River Char projects:** Julie reported on preparations for a festival event in late May featuring the Charmouth Dragon. A meeting was due to be held on 18th February to formulate plans.
9. **Thermal imaging camera:** progress on this project was to be checked. (Post meeting note: advert for volunteers to be trained in its use was about to be placed, along with promotion of its availability.)
10. **Notes of meeting held on 29th November:** agreed.
11. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 21st March

Proposals for reference to the Parish Council:

Playing Field Committee:

- Entry to South West in Bloom to be submitted;
- Community orchard to be accommodated on the playing field, below the bowling green;
- Commemorative oak to be accepted;
- Hedging proposals for the playing field to be subject to consultation;
- Sites to be allocated for differential mowing;
- Two new, larger planters be acquired for Lower Sea Lane to accommodate trees and perennials;
- Existing planters to be planted with *Erigeron glaucus*.

Foreshore Committee:

- Accommodate dinosaur garden in area between the toilets and Heritage Coast Centre;
- Identify site for differential mowing on West Green.