



**Peoples Park Wildlife Area
Committee Meeting,**

Wednesday 4th March 2015, at 4:30 pm



Present: Georgina Ford, Frank Letch, Dan Webb, Yvonne Crone, Kendra Ezekiel, Laura Conyngham, Nadine Graf, Richard Calgie, Richard McNeill and Clare Dalley

18 To receive and accept apologies

There were no apologies. The Clerk advised that Liz Brookes-Hocking had resigned from the Committee.

19 Declarations of Interest

None declared.

20 Peoples Park Wildlife Area Committee Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Working Group Meeting held on 4th February 2015.

It was **resolved** to approve and sign the minutes of the Peoples Park Wildlife Area Working Group Meeting held on 4th February as a correct record.

21 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

22 To review the area following the work carried out since 7th February 2015.

Frank requested that the minutes reflect the Committee's thanks to everyone who gave their time so willingly and did such a fantastic work at the wildlife area on 7th February 2015. The weed membrane had been rolled out and pinned into position (some more still required), the conservation hedge had been planted in front of the corrugated fence and fruit bushes and trees had also been planted.

It was agreed that more weed suppressant membrane and woodchip were needed for the area. It was **resolved** to purchase a 2 metre wide roll of weed suppressant membrane, to be sourced by Clare, and order four additional loads of woodchip from Hooper Services at a total cost of £160.

Richard from RC Services was present to offer his assistance with the project, having heard about it from a customer. His company is able to assist with planting and possibly able to supply some plants to the project. He was thanked for attending the meeting and it was agreed members would stay in touch with him.

23 To receive an update on the actionable points from the last meeting.

Clare confirmed that she had issued a press release and circulated an e-mail to all community group/organisations on the Council database asking for plants to be donated to the project.

Planters for herbs are still required.

K.E.

- 24 To discuss a request for bat, bird and owl boxes to be bought/made and erected in Peoples Park.

Yvonne has been working with John Downes on the design and production of bird and bat boxes and would like owl boxes as well, although she expressed concern that owl boxes will require maintenance.

It was **resolved** that there should be bird, bat and owl boxes at the area, all of which could be handmade. With the owl box being erected in the Wellingtonia tree. Dan advised that he had the correct type of wood for the making of the owl boxes and would liaise with John and Yvonne.

- 25 To discuss and agree any further actions required in order to progress the project. Kendra raised the issue of the tree with overhanging branches at the bottom of the area by the pavement and Clare confirmed she would ask Hooper services to look at it.

Clare confirmed she would circulate the list of required plants to all Council allotment holders, in the hope they may be able to donate some.

Yvonne and Kendra will be at the wildlife area on Wednesday, 18th March 2015, with a group of school children, to make the bug hotels. Yvonne asked if a free bale of hay could be sourced, as this would be needed for the bug hotels. All members were asked to see if they could obtain a free bale of hay.

It was **resolved** for another planting day to be on Saturday, 11th April 2015 and Clare was asked to issue a press release advertising the need for volunteers to help on the day and encourage people to donate the required plants to the project.

Clare advised that Sgt MacFadden of Devon & Cornwall Police had been in touch as he may be able to secure some funding (up to £500) for the project from the Crime Beat panel. It was **resolved** for Clare to apply for the funding.

It was agreed the next meeting would be on Wednesday 15th April 2015 at 4.30 pm

- 26 Close

The meeting closed at 4.25 pm



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