
NOTES OF THE ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP HELD ON TUESDAY 2ND AUGUST 2022, 7PM BROCKWORTH COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. Welcome

Cllr Rigby welcomed everyone to the meeting. In attendance were Cllr Harwood, Cllr Rigby, Cllr Carter, G Ryland, E Flounders, C Perkins

2. To consider the notes from the last meeting on 11th July 2022 & any matters arising

No matters arose

3. To provide an update on waste & recycling

Provide an update on Terracycle and discuss quotes for dual recycling bin for foyer

The Coffee Pods need taking away at some point 😊 E Flounders very kindly volunteered to take the bags to the Terracycle lady.

The question was raised on where else residents can recycle crisp packets as people are missing being able to recycle crisp packets in the community centre's Terracycle. [Approach Co-op to see if crisp packets count as soft plastics as they recycle soft plastics in store.](#)

The group discussed signposting residents to the different shops that recycle items
[Research shops that take in recyclable items such as small electronics etc](#)

[Apprentice to create a poster with the various locations on where residents can recycle items and the type of items that can be recycled.](#)

4. To consider ways to protect local trees

E Flounders updated the group on the progress of the platinum jubilee trees. They are doing well now after having a bumpy start flourishing.

E Flounders walks around Brockworth identifying the trees that could do with having a tree protection order on them and then reports his findings to Lianne, who then maps the trees on Parish Online.

It was decided that [a plea post should go on the Environment Working Group Facebook page asking knowledgeable personnel to comment if any trees in Brockworth are in need of a tree protection order.](#)

The group are concerned on the state of the trees on new development sites in Brockworth. It was decided that [the group should contact the developers and write to Tewkesbury Borough Council with the concerns. The group would like to mention that we are reluctant to take over any land until the trees are restored to health/ new trees are planted.](#)

G Ryland was instructed to ask the group to decide on 3-4 fruit trees that could be planted behind the scout hut on Mill Lane Park. Cllr Rigby mentioned to the group that Elizabeth from Gloucester Wildlife Trust has recommended fruit trees in the past. **Cllr Rigby to send G Ryland the details sent from the wildlife trust lady.**

5. Update on repair Café

The next meeting will be Tuesday 6th September at 7pm. This will be the date of the next Environment Working Group. The plan is to invite the interested repair café volunteers that we gained from the community open day on the 30th of July to talk about who can do what at the repair café.

Cllr Rigby to contact U3A about putting us in contact with people who could assist with repair café

Create invite/ poster to send out to interested repair café volunteers/ community informing them of the sept meeting

6. Update on Nature Reserve

E Flounders has recently spoken to Lianne about the nature reserve now being ready for cutting. We are contracted to one cut per year.

Lianne to speak with our contractor about scheduling a cut but leaving certain areas long. Lianne to also ask for the contractor to take the cuttings away.

7. Plan a volunteer work party

The group would like to organise another litter pick. The group would like to encourage more litter pickers to help and thought it would be an innovative idea to co-ordinate with Tewkesbury Borough Council's litter picker volunteers. The group decided that it would be good to email any future litter pick volunteer day information to Tewkesbury Borough Council, so they can distribute the information out to their volunteers.

Create poster advertising the litter pick & send to Tewkesbury Borough Council for distribution

Next litter pick - 25th Aug – 2pm, meeting at the Community Centre

Approach Helen Rouse at Tesco to see if she can support the group in some way with providing refreshments.

8. Update on Horsebore Brook Project

Discuss removal of vegetation that is blocking the waterways around the island

A member of the group stated that where the island was formed in the brook originally, a second water course was then formed afterwards to prevent blockages. This second water course is now unfortunately blocked.

The group decided to postpone this agenda item and take it to the next green spaces and environment meeting to discuss it further. There will need to be a contractor to clear vegetation and litter within brook due to volunteers not able to because of insurance purposes.

9. Update on allotments

A landscaping tender needs to be sourced for the land

Approach National Allotments Association to source advice on where to start!

10. Discuss potential locations for tree donation from Brockworth women's bible group

Suggest to the group that we were thinking of having two trees either side of the war memorial

The group thought that two cherry trees would be nice. It was discussed that the parish council could donate one tree.

These works will hopefully commence in Autumn.

Speak with the bible group to see if they are happy with the above.

11. To receive update on Ash Dieback replanting project

Approach Tewkesbury Borough Council to see if we can plant trees on their land.

12. To receive information on 'green spaces for good' initiative

Forward the email that was received on this agenda item to all Cllr's to look at.

13. Any other business or updates

Cllr Rigby stated that for future wildflower planting, a contractor is needed to prepare the ground before the seeds go in.

Source a contractor to do this