
Coe's Meadow Management Committee

Sunday 9th March 2025

Blackbirds House, The Street, Bulmer at 10.30am

Attendees

Laura Barnes
Antonia Crawshey
Jenny Kenson
Beth Paxton
Paul Paxton
Sam Rowe
Emma Hamilton-Russell
Member of the Public : Mike Crome

Minutes

Minutes from the meeting held on 23 November 2024 approved.

Fundraising Event - Veterans Day - 3 May 2025 at the Village Hall. Beth has kindly agreed to take the lead on this event. Village hall cost will be £9 per hour and will be booked for 5 hours. Ideas floated at the meeting: Raffle, Tombola, Craft Stalls, Cake Stall, Tea & Coffee for sale. An Ice-Cream van has been confirmed for the day (will kindly donate 10% of takings). Approximate charge per table : £10? Timings to be confirmed?


Action: Beth Paxton

Plant Sale - 7th June 2025 at Bulmer Village Church 11am to 3pm. Jenny will kindly take the lead on this event. The Event must clearly advertise and state that plants will be donated and proceeds from sales will go towards the upkeep of Coes' Meadow. A donation needs to be made to the church for use of the facilities. Advertise as a Bring & Buy sale?

Action: Jenny Kenson

Public Liability Insurance. Should the Parish Council help with the cost of insurance? Should insurance be purchased for a year or per event? Is there a specialist for Charity Public Liability? Is the Play Equipment insured? Conversation about who does Coe's Meadow belong to, the village or the parish?

Action: Emma H-R (Title registration has been purchased and document shared to CMMC)



Keys for padlocks, carpark and water tap on Coe's Meadow. Sam kindly removed the old and rusty ones. New ones have been purchased and put in place. Combination code has been shared with the committee.

Action: Completed

Disabled Swing Harness: this needs to be purchased by the user as it is an item that does not remain attached to the swing.

Basketball Pitch surface and bolts on backplate: suggestions were made to 'pin' the surface back to the ground. Discussion as to whether this is possible.

Action: further discussion

Lime Avenue: Sam kindly mentioned that he can obtain a quote to have the trees pollarded. There are 3 trees currently covered in ivy. Laura and Emma have cut the ivy at the base to kill it off but not remove it due to nesting birds, etc. Two of these trees are completely hollow.

Action: Sam Rowe

ROSPA Inspection: this is done every 6 months. The last inspection was in October 2024. Cost for each inspection is approximately £200.

Equipment Maintenance: We could have Maintenance Days/Evenings? There should be a 'running list' of repairs needed. Any new equipment must be low maintenance. Items of note: Table Tennis table needs to be cleaned and rocker platform needs to be repaired.

Grants: Laura has kindly looked into various grants for the Meadow. We need to discuss what we need the grants for (help towards maintenance, new equipment?).

Action: Laura

Chris Leigh Memorial Tree: Kevin Leigh was very grateful for the thought and asked if we could plant a West Himalayan Birch Tree in her memory. Committee to ask the Parish Council if they can help towards the cost of the tree and the metal surround to protect it. It was agreed that it will be planted on the left of lime avenue in the gap between the path and the Brenda Jolly's bench.

Action: Emma H-R

Date of Next Meeting: to be confirmed for early June 2025?