

Graveley Environment Group AGM

Minutes of meeting held on 26th January 2015 at 7.30pm
at The Grange, 31 High Street Graveley

1. Present –Joanna Bottomley, Helen Lumley, Janet Firth, Fiona Hutton, Sal Jarvis, Danielle Galvan and Desiree Scott

Apologies – from Alan Lines

2. The Minutes of the previous meeting and AGM were reviewed and accepted.
3. Election of Officers took place. Persons present were asked if anyone would like to take over as Officers. Joanna was nominated for re-election as chairperson by Janet and seconded by Sal. Janet was nominated for re-election as secretary by Helen and seconded Joanna. Helen was nominated by Fiona for re-election as treasurer and seconded by Sal.
4. A review of income and expenditure for 2014 had been prepared by Helen. The balance available at the beginning of 2014 was £1625.12 and at year end was £1486.02 (£1446.02 in the bank plus £40 cash). Expenditure was mostly on plants and bulbs for the High Street central reservations, for the bed beneath the walnut tree near the pond and for replacement trees outside 1A High Street. Graveley Parish Council has awarded £200 for a wetsuit for pond maintenance, yet to be spent.

A summary of activities in 2014 was given. There was a project at the end of October to clear the village pond of overgrown reeds. This was paid for by a grant from Graveley Parish Council and the work was carried out by 4 men from Women with Waders, supported by volunteers from Graveley residents. The culvert beside the Wagon & Horses was also cleared. Mr Warner- Smith kindly supplied a trailer and dealt with the waste.

There was maintenance of wildflower turf on the corner of Church Lane and High Street, in front of the village hall and maintenance of central reservations.

5. Future plans suggested for 2015:
 - Trim and weed wildflower turf, removing nettles, dandelions and dock.
 - Central reservations need to be brightened up. It was agreed to plant annuals. Geraniums/pelargoniums have been successful in Little Wymondley central reservations. Valerian and thrift will also be planted.
 - Cowslips will be planted on the banks at the top of Oak Lane and English bluebells on the shady side. A suitable place will be found to plant some native daffodil bulbs (Easter lilies).

- Steve MacDonald to be asked about hanging baskets outside village hall (Joanna to do).
 - Two plastic boxes will be bought for holding Graveley Walks leaflets, to be attached to the village information boards (Helen to do).
6. It was decided that a response to the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 – 2031 Preferred Options consultation should be submitted by Graveley Environment Group. Joanna will Email around a draft response for comments.

Thanks to Claire Bottomley were noted for her volunteering as part of her Duke of Edinburgh award.

Sal Jarvis will enquire if her neighbor Deborah would like to help as a volunteer.