

Graveley Environment Group AGM

24 January 2017

Notes of meeting

1. Present:
Fiona Hutton FH
Helen Lumley HL
Janet Firth JF- not present but had sent in comments prior to meeting
Danielle Galvan DG
No apologies received.
2. The notes of the previous AGM were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record.
3. Election of Officers

Office	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Fiona Hutton	Janet Firth	Helen Lumley
Treasurer	Helen Lumley	Fiona Hutton	Danielle Galvan
Secretary	Janet Firth	Helen Lumley	Danielle Galvan

4. A summary of income and expenditure had been prepared and was presented by HL. The balance as at the date of the meeting was £1371.11. During the financial year expenditure had been on plants and compost for the central reservation Net expenditure during the year was £110.
The change agreed last year in the mandate for cheque signatories for the bank account to include JF (to ensure there is transparency in any payments made from the account) has been completed. HL reported that an audit of the accounts was still outstanding but that agreement had been secured from Peter Bracey to carry out this exercise. HL to pursue with a view to completion before the end of the financial year.

Activities during 2016/2017

Pond maintenance. The attention given to the minimal regrowth of reeds in the pond continues to be highly successful. Many thanks to those who have contributed to this task. HL also reported that she had placed protective barriers around some of the roots of yellow flag plants which fish/ducks have attacked.

Central reservations. During the year these were planted with some additional perennial and many annual plants mainly pelargoniums. It was agreed that it had been the most successful year yet.

Corner plot - High Street and Church Lane. There has been no work on this area and responsibility for the project has now passed to the Parish Council.

Village hall. The area of wildflower planting and shrubs was taken back into the control of the village hall committee.

Pond Signs The action agreed last year to replace the pond signs was completed. Thanks to Mr Steve Firth for carrying out the work. The new signs are a great improvement both aesthetically and in terms of impact and have been welcomed by members of the community.

Pond Reed regrowth clearance will again be necessary. It was also agreed to take further action to protect the roots of the yellow flags and add more baskets of purple loosestrife. HL/FH to organise.

5. Plans for 2017/18

Weeding Day The central reservations will again require weeding in the spring. It was agreed that villagers are again invited to participate in this – a Sunday morning between the hours of 9.30 and 11.30 during April or May was deemed appropriate – probably 7 May. FH to write copy for Graveley Matters advertising this as a ‘Village Gardening Day’. Central reservations to be planted as last year and the location of bulbs marked so these can be supplemented in time for next spring.

Village Hall Given the change in membership of the village hall committee during the year FH to email current Chair to clarify responsibilities in respect of maintenance of areas in front of and to the sides of the building and the hanging baskets.

Plastic boxes for walks leaflets HL to pursue this action

6. There was no further business.