



Minutes from the **Forest for Calstock Parish Advisory Committee** held on,

Thursday 17 February 2022, in Calstock Village Hall

Those present were:-

Alastair Tinto (Chair), John Wells, Gill Court, Gill Boreham, Theo Brown, Roger Harris, Neil Pope, Jane Weatherby, Meike Weiser (Forest for Cornwall), Clare Bullimore (Deputy Clerk-minutes).

Meike was welcomed and thanked for attending.

1. Apologies

Jane Weatherby needed to leave the meeting at 1045.

2. Approve minutes of the Forest for Calstock Parish Advisory Committee, 17-12-2021 and the Team Leaders and Ward Representatives Briefing Meeting held on 17-12-2021

Theo queried that validity of holding the Advisory Committee meeting on a date that he could not attend. His points were noted.

Proposal/resolution: the minutes be approved from the Advisory Committee held on 17-12-2021. Proposed: John Wells, seconded: Gill Court -all those present at the last meeting agreed.

Proposal/resolution: the minutes from the Team Leaders and Ward Representatives Briefing meeting held on the 17-12-2021 be approved. Proposed: John Wells, seconded: Gill Court -all those present at the last meeting agreed.

3. Matters Arising

Report of completion of work in the three areas:

Calstock – work completed. More mulch may be required in time.

St Ann's Chapel – Neil will coppice some trees to ensure new plants have enough light – some plants needed on the western edge of the play park to finish it off as it is a bit sparse (there had been agreement not to plant fruit trees here due to risk of stinging insects).

Millennium Green – some work required on preparing the ground for the wildflower seeds (removal of brambles) and a cherry tree to be replanted. Neil to check on a tree that looks unhealthy and approval will be sought from the parish council to have it removed if it is deemed diseased.

Surplus Materials

Some tree guards and matting are surplus, 12 Hornbeam and several willow trees.

Damson Tree

Replaced and replanted

Landmark Tree – Calstock

The Workmen are ready to remove the fence and Chris Smart has been informed – tree needs to be ordered.

Landmark Lime Tree – Fosters Field

This appears to be healthy. Clare to organise to meet some local residents and ward members to agree a suitable site and seek permission from Cornwall Council before planting it.

Hosepipes

Agreed to order 3 – one for each site.

Albaston Cemetery

Neil and John will visit Albaston Cemetery and see if the surplus Hornbeams could be used here.

Surplus Willows

Clare will contact Gunnislake Community Matters to seek their view of planting on the King George V field where it gets waterlogged. Otherwise Clare will contact Mark Newman and see if he would like them and whether he would be willing to offer some bulbs and small plants for the cemeteries in return.

4. Ongoing Maintenance Programme

It was felt that the main task for the next year will be watering the plants in times of drought. There was some doubt that hedges require watering but it was felt to err on the side of caution. Meike advised that thorough watering would be required so that roots do not seek water from the surface. Alastair to contact Chris Hunn at the Methodist Chapel to ask about accessing water when required. Clare will email volunteers to see if anyone will join a rota.

Meike also advised the team leaders check the sites for tree guards having been blown away after heavy winds.

5. Phase 2

There is approximately £500 left over from the budget.

One idea previously mooted had been to offer a household a tree. John said the Your St Ann's Group is keen to have cherry trees lining the A390 and this could also be considered and promoted in this scheme. Meike feels this is something that the Forest for Cornwall could support – by producing information and purchasing the trees. The parish council would need to provide the Forest for Cornwall with a postcode of what has been planted and where. Meike will check on whether the Forest for Cornwall can offer funding for this – even if it were to fund 1000 trees. Once more information has been confirmed the scheme could be promoted through local shows and fetes – John offered a stall at the Gold Jubilee Fete on 04 June 2022 .

Clare and Gill will work on an action plan to move Phase 2 forward.

Meike also explained about funding through DEFRA which can be used to help farmers and large landowners to get grants for trees without the onerous process which can be offputting.

Clare had contact from Neptune Fishing Agency who had seen publicity about the F4CP – she will make contact with them and they are a local business who we may be able to work collaboratively with should we wish to involve businesses in Phase 2.

Date of next meeting scheduled for: Tuesday 08-03-2022, 1100, Tamar Valley Centre (subject to availability).

Signed: Date: