



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

Tuesday 08 March 2022, in Calstock Village Hall at 1100

Those present were:-

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

1. Apologies

Meike Weiser

2. Approve minutes of the Forest for Calstock Parish Advisory Committee, 17-02-2022

Proposal/resolution: the minutes be approved from the Advisory Committee held on 17-02-2022. Proposed: John Wells, seconded: Gill Court -unanimous.

3. Matters Arising

Landmark Tree, Calstock – Clare has looked at burial figures per year and on current projections (with some adjustments) the extension should not be required for at least 4 years. To this end, the fence does not need to come down. She visited the site with the workmen to make a recommendation for the siting of the tree and it was felt that the corner by the gate as you enter the extension from the road (left hand side of the gate) would be appropriate. She has contacted Chris Smart who was also in agreement. Alastair to order the tree.

Landmark Tree, Fosters Field – Clare is holding a site visit with interested parties on 16-03-2022 (including the headteacher) and will ask Cornwall Council for permission to plant at the specified location.

Albaston Cemetery – following a visit by Neil and John it was agreed for 12 hornbeams to be planted between the old part of the cemetery and the new part. Jane has the trees at the moment: Jane, John and Neil to liaise on this.

Surplus Willows- Gunnislake Community Matters will take 30 willows and plant them on the King George V playing field. Clare will follow up with Mark Newman about whether he would like the remainder.

Close the Gap Community Hedge Fund – Alastair reported that the final report has been submitted – he is expecting £1020 from the grant.

4. Forest for Calstock Parish Budget

The budget is not yet finalised – there may be £120-£130 left in the budget. John said he has not yet been paid for the tree guards. Clare to follow up with Sue.

5. Hosepipes – review need for them

There was a lengthy discussion about the cost implications of purchasing three hosepipes and the practical means of storing and using them. Clare asked about a water butt – in

particular at Millennium Green which would also support plans for the Memorial Garden. It was felt that water butts would not give enough water for trees in a drought, but in a serious drought there would be a ban on using hosepipes. It was decided that in the event of asking volunteers to water, they would also be asked to provide hosepipes and watering cans.

6. Phase 2 – report disseminated

Objective 1: The Right Tree For You

Agree in principle for the objective to distribute 1000 trees to local residents in November 2022.

Action 1: clarify exactly which species are available from Meike (Clare)

Action 2: publicise and ask people to sign up, use local shows and events to raise awareness – John has offered a stall at the St Ann’s Chapel Fete in June, Clare has reserved a stall at the Latchley, Chilsworthy and Cox Park show in July and Gunnislake have offered a stall at the monthly market on a Saturday. Contact has also been made with Harrowbarrow Show but Clare has not yet heard back from them.

Objective 2: Pretty Up the A390

Agree in principle to support and offer some cherry trees to specific properties who meet the criteria of having a garden facing onto the A390 and with enough room to allow for spread. With publicity about this already, some people have signed up and purchased trees themselves. The Parish Council will look into a 50/50 match funding contribution for this.

Actions:

Ask Adrian Steel at Endsleigh Garden Centre for a price list of different varieties of cherries and the cost of whips and potted plants (Clare)

Ask Meike what financial support may be available for this (Clare)

Ask other groups for their experiences (Clare)

Survey the number of appropriate gardens (John)

Publicise the initiative in the newsletters and on social media when information is forthcoming (Gill B)

Objective 3: Encouraging Business to be Tree Aware

More information required on the funding and potential grants available for businesses.

Action:

Include this query in email to Meike (Clare)

Objective 4: General Promotion of Grants/Funding

Action:

Once information about grants and funding is forthcoming this will be widely publicised for individuals, groups and businesses.

7. Copse in a Box initiative – Tree Council

After some discussion this was felt to be an initiative we are unable to take on due to lack of land available for the 400 trees suggested.

8. Urgent Information

Planting of the wild flower seeds is looking unfeasible on the site originally identified in Millennium Green and in the timescale. Roger suggested planting bulbs in the autumn which are more likely to have a tangible outcome for the children – this was agreed in

principle. Clare and Gill B have identified other projects (outside of the F4CP initiative) and will talk to the school about these so that the children can get involved with something.

Date of next meeting – to be confirmed when further information has been forthcoming.

Signed: Date: