



Environment Theme Group  
Minutes Monday 15 February 2021

1. Present: Nicki Dearson, Janette Marshall, John McKeon, Beth Somi, Tony Voss, Penny Weston-Webb, Fiona Gibbs
2. Update on the following:
  - Policy areas to be covered in the Environment chapter:
  - Evidence gathering and recording – initially up to Ratcliffe Road

Janette is meeting Lynne on Friday to chat about historical buildings, canals, lock keeper cottages, toll roads, Fosse Way etc

- We need to clarify how to award 0-5 to each parcel of land – which is closest to the village and what scale of distance should we use
- Awarding marks is difficult – need to think about fishing, footpaths, bridle paths, hedgerows, trees
- And what evidence do we need to supply to try and prevent the re-routing of footpaths?

Nicki has spoken to David Smith

- The Butts – area for longbow shooting
- 022 and 033 – sites of excavations
- Spoken to the headteacher

Tony

- Walked the brook on Derrys land
- Impact of building on the water in the brook and then wildlife
- The area with the benches at Derrys and at the top of Bennett Lane should be 'green space'

Beth

- Saved a document called Arboricultural Survey Report into the Dropbox folder
- Letters to approx. 12 houses resulted in one reply
- Contact made with Chris Hill, Conservation Officer, LRWT
- Overview of the meadows is saved in Dropbox
- Areas covered by the Meadows include: 020; 021; 022; 023; 025; 026
- Chris has offered to meet us on the land near Derrys to try and establish what wildlife would be impacted. And happy to answer any specific questions
- Supplied an email address for LRWT as they can help with the process of development [info@lrwt.org.uk](mailto:info@lrwt.org.uk)

[Type here]



- All developers should carry out a full ecological survey
- 007 and 019 – Great Crested Newts in the ponds
- 001 – bats
- House martins nest in the school eaves

John

- Has a list of all the trees
- Add Hall Close trees
- Looked at fields – very little hedgerow due to good arable farming land
- Offered to look at land further afield

Fiona

- Reading and investigations are under way

Penny

- Looking to make contact with 2 land owners – Clarke and Palmer

Janette to email a copy of the questionnaire responses to everyone

Janette to send the timeline template to Beth

Beth to add this to Dropbox and start updating with attendees and decisions of every meeting

Beth to contact Emma to add a request to the village FB page for wildlife / trees information

3. Date of next meeting with John Martin: Tuesday 23 February 7.30

[Type here]