

**Meeting of the Parish Environmental Action Group on Saturday 25 February, 2023
10.15am at The River Bourne Community Café**

PEAG.23.010 **Apologies:** Trudi Deane, Parish Clerk, Laverstock & Ford, Sarah Llewellyn, Steve McCarthy

PEAG.23.011 **Present:** Councillor Lainey Barker LB - Chair, Guy Mason GM Co-Chair, Stuart Brown SB, Jean Youngs JY, Steven James SJ, Nigel Tanner NT, , Lyn Gould LG, Alan Gould AG, Peter Westmacott PW, Juliet Brain, Communications and Community Engagement Officer CCEO (Laverstock & Ford Parish Council).

PEAG.23.012 **Introduction** by Cllr Lainey Barker: Ford, Old Sarum & Longhedge Ward

PEAG.23.013 **Actions from last meeting**

- GM wrote an article about the PEAG for the bi-monthly parish newsletter (coming out in March)
- Cll Barker produced 'A Plod around the Parish' for the newsletter,
- SB has drafted a template for cycle routes and footpaths, ready to be developed as routes and needs are identified (using what works best from existing examples), examples of Heritage Lottery produced trails booklets were shown.
- The Laverstock & Milford Litter Wombles were happy for a QR code to be featured but the Editor had decided to delay this as UKHSA guidance on litter picking has not changed.
- The Parish Clerk had reported that following a site visit with Vistry regarding the Longhedge Swale (and other matters) and following a letter from the PEAG, work had now begun on trying to reduce the volume of water and encourage the swale to drain as it should be doing. Litter is still accruing and the swale is still unsightly.
- JY reported that Wessex Archaeology were in favour of giving a talk about local archaeology (in principal) to the PEAG but no date has yet been set

PEAG.23.014 **Volunteer Footpath Wardens (VFW)** were welcomed, members introduced themselves. After some discussion it was resolved that VFW preferred to be called Footpath Wardens. The CCEO asked VFW to give their permission via email for their emails to be shared with the PEAG and other VFW. The CCEO will send out two options for dates for a VFW briefing (no longer than two hours) in March.

PEAG.23.015 **Litter Picking**

The Old Sarum & Longhedge Litter Picking group will be meeting on 18th March
It was proposed to find a way to encourage people not to put their bins out so many days in advance of collection so residual waste doesn't spread.

PEAG.23.016 **Parish Boundaries and Public Rights of Way** (issued 2020 based on 2013)

A map of PRoW for the parish was looked at and active travel links discussed. The group asked if a more recent map could be sourced.

PEAG.23.017 **Plans for Coronation Day May 08**

The group discussed the possibility of a Parish environment based activity or footpath walk on this day.

PEAG.23.018 **Tree Planting**

The CCEO reported that there would be a tree planting session as part of the Queens Green Canopy Award at Norman Drive Open Space in March.

PEAG.23.019 Climate Change

GM & a parish officer have applied to attend Wiltshire Councils Climate Change Workshop in March, the parish clerk is awaiting confirmation of places.

PEAG.23.020 Future PEAG Meetings

It was agreed that PEAG would meet next in April as there would be footpath warden briefings in March. Future dates (tbc) May 27th, June 24, July 22, Aug 19, Sept 23.

NEXT MEETING:

April 29th at the Skies Cafe, Old Sarum. 10.15 am

Draft Minutes taken by Juliet Brain, CCEO