

HEAT MINUTES – 29TH SEPT, 2021

- 1. Present** Helen Cukier (Chair) Daniel Cukier (briefly) Jonathan Bacchus, Maria White, Mark Lofthouse, (had to leave early), Frances Lofthouse (Sec.) Penny Locke, John Downe, Emma Hayley, Sylvia Judge, Freddie P Kanius (Social Media) Rose Somerset (at 8-30)
- 2. Apologies** Henry Mills (Treasurer) and Rose S, as arriving late.
Helen welcomed Maria White and we all introduced ourselves.
- 3. Minutes and Actions from the July Meeting.** Sylvia spoke about the LOCKDOWN WOOD plaque. Because the craftsman in Ramsbury is unwell, she is needing to find an alternative craftsman. Has searched online, and found 'The Sign Shed' – free quote, £64.95 + Vat, + delivery. Size 60cm x 40cm (2' x 4" approx.) Sylvia also recommended a sign to point the way to the Wood, perhaps on the Railway Bridge. Helen said the wording must be approved by Town and Manor (T and M) John also mentioned 'Jeremy' living nearby, who designs signs.
ACTION Sylvia and Helen to discuss.
BANNER that Mrs Pew, teacher at Primary School has finished. **ACTION** Helen & Daniel to follow up.

4 Sunday Markets

We had full support for the Market on 12th Sept.

The coming w/e – **3rd Oct. Rota** as follows;

9.30 Daniel and Helen set up.

10 – 11 am Rose and Freddie

11 – 1 pm Emma and possibly Maria

11 – 12 pm Sylvia

12.30 Daniel and Helen Clear up.

AIM to get names for people who could help with tree planting. Pollarding Willows on Thurs 7th Oct. and Planting Trees on Sat. 20th Nov..

Also items to sell, include eggs, apples, pears, etc.

D of E students to help Juicing Fruit. **ACTION** Penny to advise

PEAR/APPLE PICKING Arranged by Penny with T and M – 4 pm at ORCHARD this Saturday. **FUTURE DATES.** **ACTION** Frances/ Helen to check with T and M.

- 5 Report of REPAIR CAFÉ.** The Repair Café, held in the Town Hall on 19th Sept. was very well received. Approx. 35/40 Items were repaired. Coffee was good. New area for repairing clothes items was introduced.
Helen, Rose and Frances attended the 'Wash-up' meeting, and a full report of items discussed was sent round by Mike Gilbert, the energetic Rotary Club Leader.
Main Points. **Next Date. Sat. 13th Nov. in the Croft Hall (Note change of venue).**
It is hoped there is better parking at the Croft, and that a more efficient queueing/checking-in system will facilitate the Café area, next time with trial cakes as well. **ACTION HEAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED PLEASE.**
ROTARY want us to discuss INSURANCE – **ACTION** Helen/Henry

- 6 REPORT on WBGE Meeting with MP Laura Farris.** Frances attended zoom link. Laura Farris referred to the Spending Review on 27th Nov. and the possibility of a Green Homes Grant. She also referred to 'fake food' which is computer generated. Frances challenged her re PV etc, on new house buildings – and was told that Newbury College is training more workers, but currently there is a 'skills shortage'. Jet Zero/Air Travel was mentioned. LF will investigate. COP26 There will be a Blue Zone and Green Zone. Frances later emailed LF to ask about the Cumbria Coal Mine, North Sea Oil, and the Gatwick Airport extension but has had no reply.

WBGE AGM

John reported that there was a special speaker, Michael Liebrick – a polished conference speaker, who is buying a house near Newbury with wild flower meadow. John asked for copy of the slides he used.

NB John has been to Newbury Coll. 'Renewable Centre' and reports that it is mostly about plumbing and heating, so is sceptical about PV training.

7 TREE PLANTING

Willow Pollarding on Thurs. 7th Oct. – 9 to 12.30. Meet at the Church at 9 am, with suitable clothing and secateurs/lopers. **ACTION** Many Volunteers needed!! We will be preparing the site of the TREE PLANTING for November.

8 POTENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Sewing Workshop. Maddy and Annabelle expressed an interest in helping people use a sewing machine.

Soil Talk. – Yes, in the New Year. Possibly lady from Shalbourne Veg. Boxes.

Shalbourne Veg Boxes. New Business who are eager to do local deliveries.

ACTION Penny will get details. If interested, the email address is; maxwellwendy1@gmail.com

ENVIRONMENTAL FILMS Henry has a film about a French town, where the Mayor declared they would go totally **GREEN!** Suggested that we seek way of showing this film in the Croft Hall – in December?

Trish has a film called 'Demain' which could be shown, possibly in the HUB without hire fee.

9 Communications

Newsletters by Mailchimp. Helen sends these to a mailing list of over 500 in the Town every month or whenever there is news.

Website Henry maintains the Website.

Social Media Freddie posts items on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

ACTION To add info about Market and Apple Picking this coming w/e please.

10 A.O.B. Helen went round the room.

Maria drew our attention to the value of the Hung. Weekly Market and Fish Van, where it is possible to use your own bags or containers, and avoid all plastic.

Frances added that the Butcher is also willing for customers to use their own containers now we are out of lockdown. **ACTION** Maria ask Stall Holders and Cobbs to advertise that people can use their own containers?

Jonathan recommended Zero Packaging in Hughenden Yard, Marlborough High St.

Penny recommended Lonely Lentil in Thatcham. Also, that Savernake Game sell Venison.

Trish mentioned Reading International Centre. One World Week. Check online.

John reported 2 Town Co. items. (1) The building of 8 flats on WBC owned land.

(2) EV Charge Points. Park St and Canal Walk to label parking bay, 'EV ONLY'.

Emma asked about Tesco plastic recycling which is for bread bags and similar soft plastic.

Rose joined the meeting at 8.30. and is composing Heat article for Oct. Penny Post.

The meeting closed at 8.45.

NEXT MEETING Weds. 27th October 7 pm by Zoom.