

# Thame Town Council

Meeting Report: Cuttle Brook Management Committee

Date: 28 October 2015

**Present:**

Dave Watkins (CBV), Mike Furness (CBV), David Laver (CBV), Cllr. Mary Stiles (TTC), Cllr. Catherine Jones (TTC) and Janine Howells (TTC)

Action

**1. Budget Review**

Request made to increase annual grant paid to CBV from £1,000 to £1,500 for 2016-17. Budgets currently being reviewed and set. JH to advise Graham Hunt of request. JH has requested money towards a new litter bin and brush cutter for cutting vegetation in brook. These requests to be considered by Council.

JH

**2. Woodland Management Plan**

Woodland Management Plan required for Cox's Wood. Potential grant of £1,000 to write plan. MF and John Morris to write plan. Could include Ham Wood. Problem with height of trees and thinning now required of approx. 30% of trees. The plan would be for 10 years and grant a felling licence for this period. Licence required due to the volume of felling required. Agent authority form to be signed by Council. MF advised that 40% of Cox's Wood is planted with Ash. CBV to plan for replanting with other species due to possible Ash die back affecting trees.

MF

**3. Thame Town Council Update**

Thames Water – pumping station has had a replacement close board fence. Issues were very quickly highlighted to TTC from the public regarding materials, skip and toilet obstructing the carpark area on Oxford Road entrance. JH quickly resolved the issue with Steve Rapkins from Thames Water with materials being moved the same day to remove the obstruction.

EA – no further correspondence following meeting in August.

Old BT Exchange – JH in contact with Mr. Khydhir regarding caravan on site. Informed that this is a site office. Mr. Khydhir aware of state of caravan but this is on private land. All concerned that it is being vandalised and its dilapidated state.

Mr. Davies, 56 Cedar Crescent – JH had meet Mr. and Mrs. Davies in September following a letter regarding unauthorised cutting of meadow outside their property boundary. Meeting was very beneficial. JH awaiting for copies of letters/emails from Helen Stewart to the Davies' as promised during meeting by Mr. Davies. To date this information has not been received.

JH

Trees – A large willow limb collapsed in Nontron Meadow and fell into the meadow at Fishponds. The Maintenance Team cleared the fallen limb and the work was subsequently reported to the SODC Tree Officer.

S106 Monies – A very positive meeting had been held with SODC regarding various S106 monies for Thame. Indications for Cuttle Brook funds are Site F £5,239.43 and The Elms £16,952.45.

**4. AOB**

**Dog Waste**

Under the discussion regarding an additional bin the CBV highlighted the ongoing problem of dog mess and the disposal of dog poop bags thrown on the ground etc. JH advised that dog waste can be disposed of in litter bins. The group thought perhaps this was not general knowledge of dog walkers and that this fact should be advertised by stickers on litter bins.

**JH**

**Countryside Stewardship Scheme**

Following the end of the Countryside Stewardship Scheme in 2013 the grant received by TTC had finished. MF suggested that it may now be beneficial to investigate the Environmental Stewardship Scheme that had been brought in to replace the original scheme.

**MF/JH**

**5. Date of Next Meeting**

**30 March at 4pm – Reminder to be sent to Management Group one week before**

**Meeting finished:- 5pm**