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Hurst Meadows Working Group Meeting

Conference Room, Village Centre, 10:15am 5th June 2025

Minutes

1. Meadow cutting 2025

- Greenscene have booked the machinery to cut and collect the meadows for 1st September 2025.
- The July meeting to be a walk around meeting, to discuss this year's cutting in all the meadows, including the pattern cutting in Fifteen Acre.
- The group is to review the cutting of Bellows Nose, as the cut and collect might be removing seeds, reducing the wildflower. It is proposed to ask Greenscene about cutting and collecting a week later.
- The PROW has now been cut, but the forest school meadow and cycleway were delayed and will be done shortly.
- The Cycleway verges have been cut by we believe the WSCC contractor. We are to double check the WSCC Schedule of works for this year and to ask Greenscene to not cut the verges until we have confirmed with WSCC, when we are required to take over the works. SW is to Speak to Dan at WSCC about the cutting plan and chase up the 5-bar gate to be replaced.
- We are to discuss with Greenscene if it would be possible to push the meadow cutting back by a week next year.

2. Grants

- A Document has been provided by MSDC, they are to be confirmed as the correct documentation and sent to Batchellor Monkhouse.
- We are to review our management plan to make sure it is in line with the S106 agreement.

3. Community Action Day 2025

- We have agreed Litter picking and hedge guard removal as the tasks for the Community action day on 20th June 2025. Hurst College are happy with this.
- No word from the Allotment association as to whether the students can assist with the clearing on the Community plot.

4. Any Other Business

- Footpath improvement – Tilleys Copse to College Lane.
A PROW improvements meeting was recently held with WSCC and their contractor for this project, 'Barcombe Landscapers'. The clearance work by Hurst College to start on 11th August 2025, surfacing works should take around 2 weeks. Closure notice to be added to Hurst Life article in August.

- The New Fifteen Acre access path will be revisited by Barcombe Landscapes and more fines added. We need to review to make sure it doesn't get too high.
- CM - There is an oak, by Latchett's lane where it has been cleared. Should we look to protect it by putting a TPO on it? We are to check who owns the land it is located on. Find out who cleared the land. CM to send SW a photo. SW to investigate how to apply a TPO.



- Can we find some money to purchase 4 pairs large, medium and small gloves for Volunteers, when carrying out tasks for us? SW to speak to Lost Woods team about them funding tools and if unsuccessful ask Sarah which budget we could use for this purchase.
- SW to Speak to Greenscene, about grass being cut on Layton Fields, more being cut than should be.
- ML has requested that logs or timber offcuts be placed along flint wall to prevent vehicles parking on it and for the tree stumps to be poisoned.
- ML has requested that we re-pin the fence on the northwest corner of Edgerley meadow as people are climbing over fence. There are a couple sections further up which need re-pinning as well.
- SW to speak to Wilbar for final cycleway plans and estimated costs, to share with the group.
- No update on Highfield Drive to St George's Lane cycleway connection, ML still to receive update from Joy Dennis.