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Hurst Meadows Working Group Meeting

4th December 2025

Minutes

Attendees: Dr Georgina Judd (GJ), Rebecca Rees (RR) and Stephen Witchell (SW).

Apologies: Cllr Malcolm Llewellyn, Cllr Claire Majsai and Allan Brown.

1. Welcome to Rebecca

- a. RR was welcomed to the working group.
- b. A rundown of the history of Hurst meadows, works we have achieved, future projects and plans and volunteer works was given to RR.

2. Lost Woods update

- a. SW met with Matt Hayes at Tilley's Copse on Tuesday 2nd December 2025 to mark out trees to be Haloed, sycamores and other trees for felling and the area to coppiced. Matt will send out the tender before Christmas and will allow time for the tenders to be returned in the new year. Once funding is approved the works will be programmed in. The Parish Council will be notified of expected start dates so the public can be notified, depending on his progress the works may be achieved in early Spring 2026 or after bird nesting season in 2026. Matt is hoping to get someone in to carry out training while the coppicing is carried out and will notify us of dates. Depending on how he progresses this could be in Spring or October 2026.
- b. GJ suggested that some advice could be sort from The Wildlife trust or Pete tong on coppicing in the future.

3. Grant search

- a. Ellie Mathison from Batchelor Monkhouse will be leaving later this year and our new contact Alex Wilmore has made contact.
- b. Ellie has been commissioned to contact the Rural Payments Agency to see if we are able to claim funding.

4. Hedge laying in Buckwilly

- a. Neighbour in Layton Fields have contacted the Parish Office again for an update on the hedge laying, as agreed earlier this year, we plan for Stphen Mockford to return in September 2026 to determine if the hedge on the southern boundary of Layton fields can be laid. Sarah Groom will update the residents with this information again.

5. Any Other Business

- a. GJ has been asked by Hurst Rethink to carry out a wildflower walk in June 2026. GJ is working out the route and date at this time and will let us know once confirmed.

Next meeting planned for 8th January 2026 at 10:15am.