

Minutes of Meeting 4th December 2024

1. Welcome to those attending:

Catherine Young (Chair), Sylvia Igglesden (Vice Chair), Juliet Robinson, Mel Beynon, Jane Howard, Claire Brown, Carol Wilson, Rachel Holloway, Sylvia Taylor, Penny Whitlock.

Thoughts for next year:

CY asked each person to write down what they feel we should focus on next year. This would be a project that would need a small group to take on and investigate.

Two ideas – reduce the use of plastic across The Horsley's and promote walking to reduce car use, support wellbeing and improve air quality. To be discussed at January's meeting.

Chair's comments:

- A warm welcome to Clare Bevan who has asked to join our group, representing All Saints at Ockham. Clare is Chair of the Surrey National Garden Scheme, has grown her own wildlife meadow and is catching mink following our Waterways Event. Ockham PC would also like to attend future meetings.
- Hopefully Jo MacDonald (EH resident) will join our meetings next year as a new volunteer, also attended the Waterways Event.
- Reminder that it is The Repair Café Saturday 7th December, as well as the Village Christmas Fun Day.
- Our team have kindly been invited to the EHPC Volunteers Christmas Drinks at Thatcher's on 12th December from 6 – 8 pm. Please come if you can. Alex Veys, a member of our group and who did our very first Community Event has been nominated for Volunteer of the Year for his amazing work setting up the Repair Café – fingers crossed. **Update: Alex was well and truly surprised at the Repair Café when he was told he had won the Volunteer of the Year Award and presented with the cup by Robert Taylor, Chair of EHPC. It was fantastic news, following on the huge success of the RC which grows from strength to strength.**

2. Apologies received from:

Carole Mattock, Paul Dodgson, Pip Davis, Chris Harris, Alex Veys, Chris Jany, Sara Dean, WHPC Youth Council, Roy Proctor.

3. Minutes of previous meeting: Accepted by all present.

- The previous meeting was cancelled due to lack of numbers. It was agreed that a WhatsApp message will be sent out in future to ensure everyone is informed of change of plans.

4. Events Update:

- **What have we achieved this year?** Blue hearts located across East & West Horsley, posters displayed promoting shopping locally, Waterways talk, assisted in the set up of The Repair Café. Networked with West Horsley Place, Grace & Flavor, Zero Carbon Guildford and St Mary's & St Martin's.
- The Waterways talk was attended by around 40 people and was considered interesting and thought-provoking. Catherine has received some positive feedback and requests from people who were unable to attend for further information. There was a suggestion that events like this could be recorded to reach a wider audience and possibly put on our Parish Council websites.
- January 2025 events and projects
Plastic Free project – hopefully to involve the youth council
A panel event on the natural environment. Catherine has sent out invitations to local specialists.
A talk about Green Money. It was suggested that a request for a local expert in this field could go in the local parish newsletters.
- **Event proposed for 23rd January venue was discussed and the Goodheart-Rendel hall is an option.**
JH to check local availability as EHVHall now booked up.

5. Network Group reports:

St Mary's

- Nature trail in Graveyard planned by Penny
- Fairtrade stall to be run by Sylvia

St Martin's:

- Silver Eco Award achieved. Now working towards Gold.

Repair Café:

- Going well. Please support. More cakes provided as requested!

6. Dates for next year:

CY thanked JH for helping to set these up. A schedule will be issued by CY this week. Going back to Monday mornings.

7. AOB

- Clare Bevan has kindly suggested a tour of her wildflower meadow next summer
- The pull up banner cannot be located. It was last seen at the Farmer's Market. Please can Nick look for it? The gazebo boards are stored in WHPC storage. **Update: CY now has Banner.**

- Big Day Out on June 29th, 2025- let's run a stall. Could liaise with local churches to help.
- Effingham has a climate change group and are looking into a 20mph speed limit on environmental grounds. Something for us to think about.

Christmas Drinks served! Thank you to Catherine for providing the refreshments, which were appreciated by all.

CY went around the table and asked everyone for one thing they had done this week to mitigate climate change. These were mentioned:

Hoover repair completed instead of buying new one influenced by the Repair Café principles, tree planting at Wellington Meadow, using secondhand elastic to repair a dress and fixing 2nd hand uniforms for Burpham School, salvaging from fly tipping on her land, using Tupperware for fish delivery instead of plastic bags, catching mink, using eco products for house cleaning e.g. vinegar and salts, walking to church, putting table outside house to clear 'stuff' for house move and repairing a duvet rather than throwing away!

Next meeting: Monday 13th January 9.15am Rubin Room WHVHall.

CY closed the meeting and thanked all of the group for their support and work on projects over the last year.