

Graveley Environment Group AGM

4 February 2020

Notes of meeting

1. Present:
Fiona Hutton FH
Helen Lumley HL
Janet Firth JF
No apologies received..
2. The notes of the previous AGM were reviewed and agreed as an accurate record.
3. Election of Officers

Office	Name	Proposed	Seconded
Chair	Fiona Hutton	Helen Lumley	Janet Firth
Treasurer	Helen Lumley	Janet Firth	Fiona Hutton
Secretary	Janet Firth	Helen Lumley	Fiona Hutton

4. A summary of income and expenditure had been prepared and was presented by HL. The balance as at the date of the meeting was £1286.99. During the financial year expenditure had been on pelargoniums for the central reservation which was £125.00. In addition £10.50 was spent on alliums by HL and the cheque to cover that expenditure was signed by FH and JF at the meeting. During the year GEG was the beneficiary of the wish of former Graveley resident, Peg Marvell who sadly died and who wanted the proceedings from the collection at her funeral to be spent on the village. This amounted to £305 which is included in the accounts. Thank you to Peg and her family. Accounts to be published as usual..
5. Activities during 2019
Pond maintenance. Members of the group and residents did work to remove some regrowth of the reeds. Baskets of Purple Loosestrife provided by FH were placed in the small pond and were a welcome addition.
Central reservations. The village was generously given about 20 pots of spring bulbs and perennials by Wyevale garden centre which were planted out in the central reservations at the village weeding day in May. Thanks to those who participated. Both were planted with some additional perennial plants (donated by residents) and later, pelargoniums and kept watered by the members of the Group. In the autumn, JF kindly donated a bag of

daffodil bulbs which were planted in the central reservations as were the alliums as referred to above.

Village hall. The area by the side of the hall was weeded during the village weeding day.

Plastic boxes for walks leaflets The action point from last year to purchase 2 additional boxes has been deferred to 2020. The GEG was successful during the year in securing funding from the P3 grant for the printing of 5000 more walks leaflets which are placed in the boxes in Ponside and Church Lane, the village pubs, Hitchin Library and the Letchworth Information Centre. It was suggested that the Settlement in Letchworth may also want to have them available. HL to pursue.

Daffodils It was agreed last year that FH and HL should assess whether further planting of daffodil bulbs would be desirable. This action is carried forward to this forthcoming year.

6. Plans for 2020

Weeding Day The central reservations will require weeding in the spring as will the side border to the village hall. It was agreed that villagers are again invited to participate in this – a Sunday morning between the hours of 9.30 and 11.30 during April or May – probably 3 May. FH to write copy for Graveley Matters advertising this as a ‘Village Gardening Day’. However, given the large amount of current weed growth, HL and FH will carry out some weeding prior to this. Central reservations to be planted as last year. Members of the Group and residents have some plants from their own gardens to plant later in the spring.

Pond maintenance Reed regrowth clearance will again be necessary. HL to initiate this when required. It is hoped that members of the community will volunteer to help.

Daffodils – Action as above in 5.

Plastic Boxes for walks leaflets – Action as above in 5.

7. There was no further business.