

Actions:

- Laura to send the leaflets to the Clerk for inclusion on the Parish Council Facebook page and website.
- Kathryn to attach the leaflets to the benches by the pond.
- Jo to contact Steve to ask if the college have any equipment that could be used – either at the college or near the pond – to identify insect life.

7. Village Green.

The grass was now being cut but a clump around the bulbs had been left to allow the bulbs to die back. The tree was doing well and it was agreed that there was no need for further bulb planting.

8. Land at junction of Main Street and Saint Nicholas' Croft.

The hedgehog house agreed previously was still outstanding and Jo would ask Steve about this. The tree might need pruning next year, but this would be an agenda item for a Parish Council meeting as it was beyond the budget of the Committee.

Actions:

- Jo to follow up with Steve for an update on the hedgehog box.

9. Plans for 2026.

- a. The Committee work calendar had been included in the report being presented at the Annual Parish Meeting.
- b. Budget. There was £106 left in the 2025/26 budget. The Parish Council had not agreed to this being rolled over to the 2026/27 budget but did agree to increase the 2026/27 budget by the same amount. This took the 2026/27 budget from £250 to £356. This could be used for the purchase of a bat detector (see item 5 above). Kathryn would also research the cost of a camera to go inside the hedgehog box.
- c. The Committee had had a presence at the spring fair on 16th May 2026 which had been successful. However there were not as many children as expected, possibly as many clubs/societies that children are involved in happen on a Saturday morning. It was suggested that future spring fairs could be on an afternoon. Those children that were there seemed interested in the Committee's table. It was suggested that next time, there could be something which children could take home (materials for creating a shoe box bug hotel or knitted bees). It was agreed that having a presence at the fair was a good thing, as it provided an opportunity to engage with villagers and explain the Committee's work.
- d. The next event on the village calendar is the garden party on 20th June 2026. As Jo and Kathryn are unavailable on that date, it was agreed that it is something which could be considered in the future.

Actions:

- Kathryn to look at the options/costs for a hedgehog box camera.
- Peter to discuss the timing of future spring fairs with the Village Hall Committee.

10. Dates of meetings for 2026.

16th July, 17th September and 19th November 2026 all at 6:30pm in the Village Hall.

The meeting closed at 6:40pm.

Signed

16 July 2026