

Group Meeting Wednesday 25th October 2023 6.30 pm
Skipton Town Council Offices
Town Hall, High Street, Skipton BD23 1FD

Present: - Chris Rose, Liz Simson, Alan Simson, Lynne Adams, Steve Adams, Linda Thomas, Ed Whittaker and Jenny Dean.

1 Welcome and Introductions

Chris welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2 Apologies

Paul and Lucy Irven, Steve Warren, Brian Stott

3 Minutes from last meeting held on the 30th August 2023

The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Steve updated the group on the Outfall Safari training he did with the Canal and Rivers Trust.

4 Update from the Volunteer Day

Thank you to all who were able to help at the volunteer day. Progress has been made on the dead hedge but more work needs doing- suitable materials will be dropped off by the tree surgeon when he does work elsewhere on the Town Council's Estate.

The area is looking very free of litter- thank you to all who litter pick.

Anna, who does work experience with the Town Council from the college, has offered to help with some bird/bat boxes and doing some work on the bug hotel. Jenny will ask Mark and Dale if they could help with putting bird boxes up.

Plan to do a plant identification day in the spring. To discuss and plan at the next meeting.

5 Update on the Willow

Jenny will contact the Environment Agency again about having the willow reduced. As the land is not part of the Town Council's Estate or part of the Wilderness we need to continue to pursue with the Environment Agency. The Tree that is dead within the boundary of the wilderness is being removed in the next week or so. The branches will be left to be used in the dead hedge.

6 Update on the Steps

Thank you to both the Skipton Rotary Club and the Skipton Craven Rotary Club who have agreed to jointly fund the repair of the steps. This will be done when the weather allows.

7 Website Update

No further update at present. Jenny will liaise with Alison.

Alison asked if the group would be happy with some drone footage being taken in the wilderness- this was agreed to by the group.

8 AOB

The group discussed the proposals that had been received from pest control regarding regular visits. The group agreed not to employ the services of the pest control team, but to continue to encourage people not to leave food out. Jenny to look into some more permanent signs.

Community Payback will available hopefully by mid December. The dead hedge is on the list of jobs that the Council will be giving them.

Next Meeting 10th January at 18:30pm