

RHSO (Rivers Heritage Site and Orchard)

Steering Group Meeting 11/04/18

23 Rowney Gardens 1930

Present: Ruth, Eric, Rob, Hazel, Dave, Adrienne, Nickie

Apologies: Robinne, Geoff, Eugene, Elizabeth W, Keith

Minutes of last meeting – these were agreed by all present

Finance:

Hazel reported that a new account has been opened at SWBS and we currently have £383.33 in it. Having paid out £93.17 for equipment and £10 for the May Fayre stall. Income from juice sales (£257 from Bell Street stall, £83 other sales) and book sales (which currently includes postage which will need to be paid as an expense to Elizabeth).

Hazel will confirm what money is being held by the Town Council and arrange for transfer

People can make out cheques to RHSO and direct transfers can be made (Hazel will provide details as and when required)

It was agreed that a float of £50 will be held.

Maintenance

The apple pruning has been finished now for next 2 – 3 months will be doing membrane and guarding. We might need some bigger stakes and will need some chicken manure. We should continue to prune for light and should prune the cherry and plum trees.

May maintenance clashes with the May Fayre, Nickie to mail volunteers to see who can do Thursday 3rd instead

Events

Eric checking to ensure we have insurance cover for the number of events we do

May Fayre – 6th May

Robinne, Hazel, Adrienne and Nickie volunteered and Nickie will mail to see if anyone else can help

Fun on the Field (1st July) – we decided we will not cover this event this year

Scarecrow Festival – 9/10 September

Apple Day – 6th October

Xmas Lighting – last fri in November

C/f For next year we need to be clear on times of the event and start earlier. We could also apply for a licence to sell mulled cider.

Other events to be explored – Bishops Stortford lights, Town Selfie Walk (walk to school week)

Blowing bubbles to salute the blossom will be investigated for another year

We will consider buying our own gazebos etc in future meetings

AOB

A vote was unanimously carried to amend the clause in the constitution to move the AGM to February each year. Proposed by Rob seconded by all.

Next meeting Weds 4th July @ 23 Rowney Gardens

Meeting closed at 9.15