

MINUTES OF SCENSUS MEETING – TUES 6TH JULY – 6.45PM – VILLAGE HALL

Or via Zoom

Present:- M. Pratt, M. Wilson, Phillip Collins, J. Palmer, & V. Matthews (via Zoom)

- Chair Janet Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting.
 - There were no apologies.
1. **Sign Cleaning and Self Help Report from James McInnes** – the meeting reviewed the information regarding a 2 day Training Course provided by DCC.

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/highway-self-help>

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/communities/opportunities/road-warden-scheme>

The parish signs are currently cleaned as part of the Annual Spring and Autumn Cleans, if there is anyone who would like to volunteer to attend this 2 day course. Please get in touch with the Clerk.

2. **Update on Seed Bomb Workshop Sat 7th Aug – 11.30 am Village Green** – Cllr Palmer and Wilson will research how much seed will be needed for this event to provide enough wild seed for the Community Garden strip and to make seed bombs for both the wild flower strip and for participants to make to take home for their own garden (for a donation). They will also investigate if any organisations are giving away free seed or if local outlets would sponsor this event by providing free/reduced price materials. It was agreed that SCPC spend up to £50 on materials from the SCEnSus Ear Marked Fund.
3. **Update on Bug Hotel Workshop – Sat 18th Sept – 2.30pm Village Green**
Cllr Wilson has collected lots of old pallets and other materials to use for this event. Clerk to advertise the event and ask for parishioners to collect other suitable materials to bring to the Village Green on the day. Cllr Wilson will also make some smaller “frames” for parishioners to fill and take home with them (for a donation) The Clerk has organised for family games on the Green during the event and a local Story Teller.
4. **Autumn Seasonal Challenge/Suggestions** – Veronica Matthews agreed to review last Autumn’s challenge and put together some ideas to get to the Clerk by Aug 13th for inclusion in the September Roundabout. It will also be added to the Autumn Chair’s letter. **It is important to keep pushing the message about Climate Change. Every little personal change will help the big picture.**
5. **Great Big Green Week – 18th – 26th Sept – liaising with North Tawton and Bondleigh to advertise events.** This is a National Event which our Bug Hotel Workshop will be a part of . SCEnSus will also work with Bondleigh and North Tawton to promote Climate Awareness activities/events across the 3 parishes. There is a possibility of another talk by Dave Ramsden on Climate Emergency https://youtu.be/c_ILx3gdNyE

6. Repurposed Riot Shields – Veronica Matthews and Michele Wilson are looking into repurposing police riot shields. Cllr Wilson has been promised 60 shields that they hope to turn into mini green houses/cloches to use on Village Green or sell to parishioners.

7. BBC 2 Big Bee Challenge – although it is too late for this year; it was suggested that we organise a similar event across the 3 parishes next year to promote Bee Friendly Climate ideas through the local school children.

8. Next meetings –

- 28th July – New Inn Garden 7pm to finalise Seed Bomb Workshop – NB – NOT FORMAL MEETING.
- 7th Sept – Village Hall or via Zoom 6.30 pm

9. Funds currently available = £605.44