

## SCENSUS MEETING MINUTES - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> September 6.30 pm

Present – J. Palmer, M. Wilson, P. Collins, V. Matthews & M.Pratt

1. Welcome – Chair Jan Palmer welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Ground Preparation for Wildflower Seed Planting – MP has been in contact with Ed Kingdom who will cut the wildflower strip and the rest of the Village Green in time for the event. MW will ask PA if he has time to scrape the surface with his mini-digger, if not MW will strim it very low.
  - SCEnSus also plan to prepare an area at Red Post triangle to plant some of the Wildflower seeds too in preparation for the Memorial bench for HF.
3. Metal detecting – PC will use his metal detector on Sat 18<sup>th</sup> at start of the event to see if he can find any “historic treasure” which then could form part of the SC Past, Present and Future history group.
4. Cut and remove Horse Chestnut tree for Bug Hotel site – PC will arrange to cut down this tree before the event. The cut wood will be used to help fill the Bug Hotel.
5. Bug Hotel Event – personnel to run each item.
  - a) Bug Hotel Build – Michele & Janet – MW has built the Bug Hotel frame and will fill most of the back of the frame, so that the children can fill the front to look like a glamorous abode for pollinators. **MP to send out appeal for old canes, holey bricks and corrugated cardboard to help with this.**  
MW – will ask MC for a plan to build a Hedgehog “maze” shelter under the hotel.  
MW – has also made some smaller frames that families can take home and fill for their own gardens for a small donation to the SCEnSus fund.
  - b) Metal Detecting wildflower strips – PC followed by  
Seed Bomb Throwing – Michele & Janet – sowing of prepared seed bombs and scattering of loose seed.
  - c) Games – Marion will provide various games with instructions for families to play on the Green amongst themselves.
  - d) Story Telling – John Palmer – MP to check JP is still available for this.
  - e) Garden Items & Seed Swap – Veronica & Phillip – VM has produced a glorious selection of innovative ideas of how-to RE-USE your plastic bottles – these will be on display to give people some inspiration. There will also be packets of wildflower seeds to swap or buy for a small donation.
  - f) Teas – Marion & Bill and any other volunteers – Fairy Cakes, Tray bakes and a cup of tea will be available.
6. Commemorative Bulb Planting for Tim Edwards – it was agreed to hold this on Oct 16<sup>th</sup> the same day as the Conker Challenge. MP to contact TE relations and friends in NT to join us.
7. SCEnSus taking on the Plant Stall in the Square – at recent Village Hall meeting it was agreed to pass the Plant Stall to SCEnSus to run, to raise funds for future projects.

8. Invitation to join Okehampton GBGW in Charter Hall on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept making Bug Hotels – we will try to get a photo board put together of VM's creations to display at this event.
9. Autumn Challenge up-date – VM to circulate up-dated version for agreement and publication in Roundabout.
10. Sat 25<sup>th</sup> September – Bondleigh Fayre – VM has agreed to attend.
11. SC Station Clean Up – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 11am - A chance to work with a team from NWR to clean up the area around the station car-park. It was agreed to combine this with SCPC Autumn Clean Up – to also Litter Pick up the road towards Tongue End and back down from the Station to the New Inn. MP to publicise.
12. Children in Need Footpath Ramble – Nov 13<sup>th</sup>. DBP has agreed to lead a parish Walk along one of SC footpaths to coincide with National Children in Need publicity. It will include a Nature Treasure Hunt to encourage younger participants.
13. Funds currently available - £804.63
14. Next meeting – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov – 6.30 pm.