

MALBOROUGH & SOUTH HUISH PARISH COUNCILS

Minutes of SMASH CEB Committee Meeting;

Date: 7 th July 2021		Time: 16.00hrs	
<u>Present:</u> Tony Adams Ali Baker Cllr Jo Hocking Tony Lyle Sara Robinson Pauline Stidston Cllr Janey Syrett Georgie Tann	<u>In Attendance:</u> Katharine Harrod – Parish Clerk Guests Present: 0		<u>Apologies:</u>

WELCOME & APOLOGIES

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

All present approved the minutes of the last meeting 7th April 2021 without alteration.

TWELVE MONTH REVIEW , ACHIEVEMENTS & LEARNING FROM EXPERIENCES:

In the first twelve months Sustainable Malborough & South Huish (SMASH) have been very active :

- a) Hope Cove Beach Cleans – we have received some great publicity for the beach cleans and have been supported by a wide variety of parishioners. More cleans will be organised.
- b) Great British Litter Pick – We organised groups across the two parishes to litter pick, again receiving positive publicity.
- c) Beach Feet Project – we have some wonderful beach feet asking people not to litter, they were designed by the children at Malborough with South Huish Primary School. This initiative has now been copied by Thurlestone Parish Council who will place them on their local parish beaches.
- d) Wildflower areas, we have added new wildflower areas in both parishes and will look at the potential of transferring additional areas – for example, can any element of the burial ground be transformed. We will also review the Pollinator link provided by TA. **ACTION: AB**
- e) Tree Planting in the Malborough Wood. There have been several tree planting sessions around Malborough Parish. A number of the trees are now “lost” due to the overgrown grass and nettles. Along the side of the cycle path most of the trees have mysteriously vanished leaving only two remaining!

A working party will meet on Saturday 10th July at 2pm to recover the trees at Collaton bank, Salcombe Road bank, the area by the skatepark and the section by the woods. All welcome – bring a spade and/or shears!

FUTURE PROJECTS:

- a) Bug Hotel Project – the school are already invested in the provision of housing for small animals and insects. Forest school groups from both parishes could be involved. A list of potential areas will be compiled.
- b) Agree on a SMASH logo.
- c) High Visibility Jackets – we have high vis jackets and aim get them printed with SMASH and the new logo once agreed.
- d) Purchase of banners with SMASH and a logo which can be used at all our events to raise awareness.
- e) Beach Cleans – more will be organised for the next year, with the intention of borrowing a trommel from a nearby parish to remove some of the micro-plastics. **ACTION: TA to obtain more information about the trommel – the effectiveness and cost.**

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- f) KCC Challenge – how effective is the tech department at KCC, could they design something to assist with plastic removal? We would also like to revisit the resin table project that SHPC were previously approached about. **ACTION: KH to follow up with KCC.**
- g) Encourage other local parishes to become involved with the sustainable cause – Thurlestone, South Milton, West Alvington & Salcombe would be a positive start.
- h) Malborough has a school fair on 24th July, we could engage the eco-council and increase awareness of the projects that both the school and SMASH are working on. It was established that enough of the SMASH team are available to cover the entire event. **ACTION: GT**
- i) Sustainability Fair – this is a project that will take time to plan. A suggested date of Saturday 2nd April 2022 was agreed on. The organisation of the event to be managed by TL and TA with other parishes being incorporated as required. **ACTION: TA & TL**
- j) Electric Vehicle Charging Points at the Village Hall. We would also like to encourage the SVRA to work on an EV charging point project as this is an estate with very little off road parking and it will be particularly challenging to charge vehicles once people start changing over from petrol and diesel.
- k) Solar panels for the Village Hall. Our hall has a huge roof that should be suitable for panels. There are various funding opportunities available, especially if another hall can be encouraged to install solar panels as well.
- l) Wildflower Areas including signage can be expanded and new areas developed.
- m) We will undertake more litter picks in the SMASH area and also incorporate other local parishes where possible.
- n) Raising the Profile of SMASH, regular updates on social media and linking the site to other associated pages like Hope Cove. We need to encourage the use of hashtags.
- o) Public bins in the parishes, can they be divided for recyclables (see the bins sited at the Eden Project as a good example)? Can we install BBQ only bins in South Huish? Can we focus on recyclables in the area and the rubbish generated by holiday homes? All agreed that we need to take action on this subject. **ACTION: PS & TA**
- p) All agreed that part of our remit is to educate: reduce, reuse, recycle. Sustainable South Hams meet again on 2nd September, the Zoom meeting is open to everyone. TL will provide the link.
- q) Website – KH to set up a website and send over a dummy link.
- r) Community Heat Pump to be considered where appropriate.
- s) Wind Turbine – this is an emotive subject and will be put on hold for the immediate future with other projects taking priority.

Both Malborough and South Huish Parish Councils will be required to allocate an element of funding towards the projects. They will both be asked to ring fence some funds specifically for SMASH Project. Malborough will be approached in July, South Huish in September. Noted that any expenditure will still have to be approved by Councillors prior to the funds being released.

NEXT MEETINGS:

1st September 4pm

Meeting ends 17.45hrs

Distribution list:

- Climate Emergency Committee
- Malborough Parish Council
- South Huish Parish Council
- Jamie Rundle – Tree Warden for Malborough & South Huish Parishes