

## Notes from Zero Carbon Mordens meeting

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September 7.30pm Wagon & Horses Steeple Morden

Present: Andy & Rachel Tanser, Sue and Mike Norton, Phil Porter, Kathy Tear & Gina Ferrari

Apologies: Nettie Traverse-Healy, Louise Bailey, Mike Birrell

### 1. Treasurer's Report

Rachel has set up a spreadsheet over the accounts covering three areas

- ZCM – this is £30 in credit and consists of donations at the village hall meetings and proceeds from the sale of seeds. Money out has been the village hall hire costs and the public liability insurance
- Tree Fund – this is £71.20 in credit and consists of donations and proceeds of the plant sale
- Eco Products – this is purely for the operation of the eco products stall. It is currently £210.02 in debt but Rachel estimates she is holding close to £300 worth of stock. This covers the cost of the stall hire. Rachel provided a month by month breakdown of stall takings. (See appendix at end of minutes)

Website – This is hosted by WIX and has cost £151.20 for three years and is due for renewal in the autumn of 2022. In 2020, £12.46 was paid for the domain name Climate Conversations. In 2021 a further £32.40 was paid for the Zero Carbons domain name. Andy has covered this cost to date but we need to fundraise to cover this in future.

### 2. Projects

- Andy has asked for any individuals running projects under the ZCM banner to write up a brief summary for the website. To include things such as how they set things up, timescales, marketing, format, what is currently happening, what has been achieved, Current position and then future plans to allow people reading these minutes to keep track of projects etc. This can be updated as projects progress. This will be a massive help with grant applications
- Plantlife/Verges – this is where you can sign to support the campaign to plant/maintain wildflower verges.  
<https://plantlife.love-wildflowers.org.uk/roadvergecampaign/#campaign>  
Please sign
- PRV's (like Plantlife) permission has to come from Cambridgeshire Highways Verge Maintenance team initially then I would imagine that GMPC would be required to adopt the PRV's guidelines etc. There are numerous PRV's Protected Road Verge's trials currently in progress see their report map towards the end - A1198 near us. Which is great, but it is a 3 year trial period ! investigating if we can be signed up sooner  
[https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/CCC\\_live/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=96UhY8mvcCmYuQ6fHuLe9e9muHdj3njV6coZwDaOiFu%2BShv3aUq75g%3D%3D&rUzwRPf%2BZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3D%3D=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWcTPHwdhUfCZ%2FLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3D%3D](https://cambridgeshire.cmis.uk.com/CCC_live/Document.ashx?czJKcaeAi5tUFL1DTL2UE4zNRBcoShgo=96UhY8mvcCmYuQ6fHuLe9e9muHdj3njV6coZwDaOiFu%2BShv3aUq75g%3D%3D&rUzwRPf%2BZ3zd4E7lkn8Lyw%3D%3D=pwRE6AGJFLDNlh225F5QMaQWcTPHwdhUfCZ%2FLUQzgA2uL5jNRG4jdQ%3D%3D)

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Making some progress In dialogue with Verges team

Action: all

### 3. Trees

- There has been a meeting with the Parish Council rep about planting trees and rewilding areas on Guilden Morden recreation ground and they are in agreement, but they want to see an action plan with step by step tick boxes. Andy to meet with Ken Lock (chairman) and Nick Buckland on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September. The aim is to increase trees and replace any down with 2 for 1

Action: Andy

- Phil has spoken with Heather Williams to arrange a meeting with a South Cambs tree rep (?) to identify possible council sites for planting trees. She would like to be able to plant some in Thompsons meadow, although long term plans for this are for housing.
- There is difficulty in identifying ownership of various potential areas.
- There is hope for a grant for the tree planting projects plus money from the parish council in Guilden Morden. Steeple Morden received a substantial amount from their parish council.
- We have six trees from the county council but do not know where these will go. Of the three received last year, planted in Thompsons Meadow, one has already died. No one appears to be responsible for their care.
- The 'adopt a tree' scheme in Steeple Morden seems to have worked to get individuals to take responsibility for the care of the trees
- Charlie Briers has agreed for a hedge to be planted at Brook End and to provide land for trees.
- There could possibly be potential for more trees to be planted in the Three Tuns garden, although the management committee were against any rewilded grass areas.
- Under the ELM (Environmental Land Management) scheme, farmers will be paid for work that enhances the environment such as tree or hedge planting (as well as river management and creating or restoring wildlife habitats). This scheme should be fully operational by 2024 - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-land-management-schemes-overview> CAP replacement = ELMS new policy being brought in over the next 7 years run by ADAS <https://adas.co.uk/> Environmental Land Management Schemes (ELMS) to consist of three schemes: **Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI)**, **Local Nature Recovery (LNR)** and **Landscape Recovery (LR)**. The SFI Pilot will be launched in October 2021, with a wider roll-out in 2022. The full version will launch in 2024.

- Phil to provide Andy with a map of potential tree planting sites before his meeting on Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> September)

Action: Phil

#### 4. St. Mary's Guilden Morden

- **Churchyard Wildflower areas** – a Wildlife Trust advisor has been out and relevant approvals, maintenance plans etc are being sought for the scheme to go ahead. They may be looking for more volunteers.
- **Solar panels** – the idea to put panels on the church roof cannot go ahead as apparently the roof still has another 30-40 years of life before it needs replacing. It was thought that perhaps other public buildings would have potential for solar panels such as the school & the chapel in Guilden Morden or the Cricket pavilion or village hall in Steeple Morden. It is now possible to install integrated solar panels instead of roof tiles.

#### 5. Publicity

It was generally agreed that we need to raise the profile of ZCM

- More articles etc in parish newsletters and magazines. There was generally thought to be a problem as there are no longer paper copies of GAMUT, although there are some paper copies of the Steeple Morden newsletter. Gina to write to Guilden parish clerk to see if some paper copies could be made available in community areas such as the school, church, pubs etc
- Maybe Heather Williams could give a talk about recycling?
- Mike could possibly talk about plastics?
- Agreed that the village sites on Facebook are potentially good places to raise awareness. We need lots more publicity about positive action taking place! E.g. Rachel has started to advertise the Eco Refills stall at the Guilden Market
- Maybe there could be more communication with other similar village groups for comparison and sharing of ideas e.g. Swaffham Prior have a very successful group, Bassingbourn also has a group
- ZCM Website link, logo and group description on Guilden Morden Parish Council website
- Ditto for Steeple – who to do – any volunteers to approach them/organise?

Action: Gina

Action: Andy

#### 6. Bank account

Tridos bank are finally open to new customers, but unfortunately only customers with an annual turnover of £50,000 so we are now looking for a new community group bank account. Rachel has offered to research this.

Action: Rachel

#### 7. Committee Roles

- Chairman - Andy Tanser
- Vice Chairman – Phil Porter
- Treasurer – Rachel Tanser
- Secretary – Gina Ferrari. Gina will send out agendas and notices etc.
- Facebook publicity – Nettie Traverse-Healy

## 8. Membership fees

It was agreed this was not really viable at the moment, however we do need to raise funds as the website plus domain name has cost almost £200 for three year hosting (see accounts). Andy has paid this initially but should not have to fund this from his own pocket. We need some fund raising ideas, such as more plant sales etc. Gina has a project in mind to offer a visible mending service for clothes. All other ideas welcome!

Action: all

## 9. AOB

- Andy is working with Guilden Morden parish council towards adopting a green charter. Draft <https://www.zerocarbonmordens.org/green-charter>
- Hard to recycle bin on GMPC land (village hall) via Lousie Crankshaw's Charity scheme [louisecrankshaw@gmail.com](mailto:louisecrankshaw@gmail.com) as apparently the one in the 3 Tuns is not for public use
- This also needs to be done with Steeple Morden Parish Council, a Steeple resident would probably be best to take this up with Steeple Parish Council Andy is happy to assist / advise
- There is a new recycling store in Royston 'Heart to Earth'

The date of the next meeting was not agreed, however it is unlikely we will be able to continue to meet outside during the coming winter months so it was thought maybe meetings should be less frequent. Please let us know your thoughts on this.

## **Appendix Stall Sales Summary**

### **May 2021**

- £96.48 of product sales
- 12 customers
- Average sale £8.04
- £40 wildflower seed sales
- Helpers – Andy & Mike

### **June 2021**

- £96.79 of product sales
- 17 customers
- Average sale £5.69
- £40 wildflower seed sales
- £45.15 plant sales (funds to go to More Trees for Guilden project)
- Helpers – Gina, Nettie, Mike & Phil

### **July 2021**

- £112.67 of product sales
- 20 customers
- Average sale £5.63
- £16 plant sales (funds to More Trees for Guilden project)
- Helpers – Lorna Bateson & Phil

### **Sept 2021**

- £119.89 of product sales
- 16 customers
- Average sale £7.49
- £40 wildflower seed sales
- Helpers – Phil & Gina