

Sustainable Morchard Meeting 12th August 2025

Present: Paul Ti, Sheila, Steve W, Toni, Frances

Apologies: Paul Tu, Bunk

Fayre Day 2nd August 8 wildlife leaflets sold. 20mph survey was well supported. Suggested from Frost to surgery, Church Street and the Green. Next year plan to have a gazebo outside allowing more space for displays, tables and more items from the natural world for children to handle and see. Plan layout of stand earlier.

Village Meeting. Booked for 20th September 2-4. Idea to have focus groups eg. Food/ biodiversity/transport with the hope that it will generate new initiatives and encouraging more people interested in making them happen. Steve W to put more detailed notice in MM, consider headings and invite a couple of people to tell the meeting of their initiatives eg. electric car use and solar panels. Free refreshments. Paul Ti to suggest some open discussion questions.

Flower and Produce Sadly cancelled this year due to lack of entries.

Autumn speaker Otters – Coming to a River Near You talk by Stephen Powles Monday 6th October 2025. Bunk has submitted poster for August MM and created advertising posters.

Finances Steve W reported a healthy balance of £811.94

5m x 5m area at Greenaway Steve W has got the go-ahead after liaising with MDCC for a small plot of land at Greenaway to plant a fruit tree. Agreed a dwarf stock eating apple tree, budget of £50 allocated. Toni asked that any underground electricity or water pipes were investigated before digging! Update: Steve W has asked Paul Trimmings who lives next to the plot to check how neighbours feel about the suggestion and report back.

Playing Fields Toni has identified possible planting for pollinators sites at the playing fields after new play equipment has been erected. SM agreed to support in terms of planting time and funding. Comfrey, creeping Rosemary and marjoram thought to be suitable. Plant as plugs. Robert Moore at Lydcott may be able to source. Ongoing. Plus strimming to be done in a September by the tennis court. Help will be required to rack off.

Signs Herb garden sign in place, need softer ground to position playing fields sign. Thanks to Graham A'Court for making using recycled slate and metal.

Apple Day usually 1st Saturday of October.

Eco Club at school, to return to in September.

Date of next meeting September 10th at Steve Watson's house **7.00 pm**