

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS OF ST PETER'S (FOSP) CHURCHYARD PROJECT GROUP

14th December 2022

MINUTES

Attendees: Anne Bailey, Peter Barker, Jenny Hailstone, Diana Knight, Caroline Sigrist

Apologies: Chris Aresti, Suzie Dodsworth, Tim Hailstone, David Holmes, Harriet Trubshaw, Jane Duberley, Annie Worsfold, Graham Fice, Nina Roggero

Update on Action Points

Entrance to the churchyard

Bulbs have been planted. Thank you to Jane, Chris, Caroline and Jenny. Gardentime have donated two boxes of tête-à-tête bulbs.

Wildflower area

The grass in the wilding area to be strimmed twice a year. The grass will be removed to reduce fertility allowing the wild flowers to flourish. Regularly mown paths will be created though the area.

Billy will strim the grass in January at a date to suit us. Volunteers will be needed to rake up the grass on that day and possibly to clear around the graves by hand in advance..

Brambles

The meeting agreed that the brambles need to be removed along the full length of the north wall. It was proposed they be cut right to the ground and reduced every two weeks until they eventually stop growing. The large fuchsia that is growing amongst the brambles should flourish as a result.

Pathways

Phil Elliott has looked at the site and will provide a quote to return the path to its original width, lay a permeable membrane and surface with an impacted self binding shingle. Alternative quotes and suggestions to be sought. We will need a proposal to present to FOSP and the PCC.

Mini meadows

Transforming one of the overgrown/uncared for graves into a mini flower meadow would be an opportunity to showcase the philosophy of the churchyard project. Permission from the church and if possible grave owner will be required.

Once strimming has been done Peter to look at the area with John Dietz to choose the graves.

Involving the School

This still needs to be followed up

Water Tap

Jenny to tidy the area up after talking to Jenny Harris as she is the main user.

Information for the Community

David H has offered to investigate signage options including contacting Devon Wildlife Trust.

Flora/Fauna/Wildlife survey

Jenny to contact Devon Wildlife Trust and the reserve at Slapton to ask if they can offer advice or even better, assistance.

5-year Plan

It was agreed that we need a schedule for the next five years to establish the order of priority, funding requirements etc. To be discussed at next meeting.

Next meeting

Tuesday 24 January; time and venue TBC