



**Notes of the Allbrook Meadow Working Group
held on Tuesday 25 July 2023 at 8.15 pm
in the Scout Hut, Boyatt Lane, Eastleigh SO50 4LQ**

Councillors Present: L Crosher, R Daniels, P Handley-Garland & P Wilkinson

Residents Present: Mark Housby (Lead), Nigel Baker & Sara Tschersich

Apologies: Cllrs, K O'Neill, G Smith & N Palmer. Sarah Eggleston, Charlotte Stansbury & Mark Ward.

Officer in attendance: C Gosling (Clerk)

1. Notes of meeting held on 28 March 2023

The notes of the last meeting were accepted.

2. Fields north of Allbrook Meadow

Mark had noted that the fields were now let to new tenants.

3. Biodiversity Survey

A few of the working group had met with Sarah Boyd, Biodiversity Officer at Eastleigh Borough Council to walk around the site. Sarah was very enthusiastic about the diverse nature of the site.

Mark and Cheryl met with the HIOWWT on 4 July. The initial feedback is that there is good number of species present and with the right management, the site would flourish. They agreed that the site would benefit from a pond in the far-left hand corner. The full survey is still outstanding and will be circulated on receipt.

4. Community Survey

It was agreed that the survey should wait until the report from the HIOWWT is received. It was suggested to have an insert in the Autumn edition of the Parish News.

5. Other matters

The new nature board had been installed, but had been vandalised with black paint. Councillor Wilkinson volunteered to clean the board.

Nigel reported the antisocial behaviour in the meadow until the early hours of the morning. The Police were notified.

Correspondence had been received from a resident in Dragonfly Way concerned about the meadow catching fire in the hot weather. It was agreed to take into consideration a shorter mowed grass near housing to act as a fire break. It was also suggested to purchase long handled beaters similar to those available in the New Forest.

Richard was delighted to report that there is evidence that the dog walkers are picking up after their dogs.

6. Date of next meeting

26 September 2023.