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Minutes
of the meeting of the
EDITH ROSE WOOD COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 1st October 2024
at 7.19 p.m.

Present: Cllr Chandler (Chairman) Cllr Haywood
Cllr Harding Cllr Oatham
Cllr Bush John Lilley

Clerk: Mrs L Whitefield

1 Election of Chairman

Cllr Haywood proposed that Paul Chandler be elected as Chairman of the Edith Rose Wood Committee. Cllr Harding seconded this proposal. All in favour.

2 Members' Apologies for Absence

Ray Harvey and Cllr Spires sent their apologies.

3 Declaration of Interests

None

4 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Cllr Haywood proposed that the minutes from the meeting held on 17th October 2023 be accepted. Cllr Chandler seconded. All in favour.

5 Public Discussion

John Lilley asked what the next steps were in getting the orchard finished. This meeting has been called to make these decisions.

6 Next Stage for Edith Rose Wood

- **Fencing**– The existing fence has been moved over to new location. We need 3 quotes to install a strand fence along the boundary. Budget of £4,800 agreed previously.
Rabbit fence installed by Mr Wood needs to be removed from ground and a new one put in under the new fence. Cllr Chandler proposed that a budget of £1,000 be spent on carrying out this work. Cllr Harding seconded this. All in favour.
- **Gates** – Cllr Harding proposed that a 5 bar gate be purchased and installed at the entrance to the wood at a cost of £500. Cllr Bush seconded. All in favour.
- **Management Plan** – Clerk to chase Essex Ecology on the proposed management plan. Advise Andy May that a pond in the wood is no longer recommended.
- **Update on work being carried out by David Davis** – Not applicable now.
- **Further costs and budget** – £18,000 in Earmarked Reserve, £10,000 further budget 24/25. Total of £28,000

Costs to date:

Purchase of Land	14,000
Move existing fence	2,200
Proposed strand fence	4,800
Rabbit Fence	1,000
Gate	500

Management Plan	2,075
Total	24,575
Balance to spend	3,425

Cllr Haywood proposed that a budget of £10,000 be included in the budget 2025/26.
Cllr Chandler seconded. All in favour

7 Matters for Next Agenda

- Sign needed for entrance to Edith Rose Wood
- Parking on layby to George Cardnell Field. Clerk to ask Richard Garwood about surface.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm