

## Charmouth Parish Council

### Environment Group

#### Notes of meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021

**Present:** Julie Leah, Maralyn Hinxman, Peter Noel, Andrew Lightfoot

**Apologies:** Jane Bremner

1. **Terms of reference:** The revised Terms of Reference for this Group were agreed, subject to the deletion of the final sentence in 2.1, referring to membership of the Group being denied to a person ineligible to be a Councillor.
2. **Reports from Playing Fields and Foreshore Committees:** acceptance in principle by these Committees of the Group's Terms of Reference and ideas for planting was welcomed.
3. **Planting proposals:** the details of these proposals were discussed with the following noted:
  - Application to Queen's Jubilee Grant to be pursued;
  - Rotary Club likely to offer up to 4,000 purple crocus bulbs for planting at the entrances to the village;
  - Seminar on road verge management recommended a two cut approach, in March/April and September with cuttings being removed; Plantlife guide recommended.
  - Street planters also relevant to Foreshore Committee.
  - Room for meadow treatment as well as hedging beside field above beach huts (is there a name for this field? Suggestions?)
  - Application to South West in Bloom to be made, with community involvement.
4. **Ideas for action:** Julie had circulated a spreadsheet with ideas for action (attached) with the following points noted:
  - To check out any pro formas for auditing the Parish Council's carbon footprint;
  - Scope for enhancement by planting of Lower Sea Lane;
  - Management of waste/recycling at the foreshore to be discussed in detail at the Group's October meeting;
  - Scope for a campaign for 'pesticide free Charmouth';
  - Potential to create a large composting facility on concrete base on the playing fields.

5. **Means of attracting and managing volunteers:** it was noted that volunteers would be involved with various of the Group's proposals, such as planting, and a formalised body would be necessary to cover insurance etc. Options were to be explored, including Dorset Wildlife Trust.
6. **Notes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> May:** accepted, with progress on Neighbourhood Plan noted.
7. **Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm at The Elms (and thereafter meetings to be held c. a fortnight prior to Playing Field/Foreshore Committee meetings).