

Teams Meeting held on 26th March re Caley Green

Representatives for Parish Council, Environment Agency, AONB Team, Babergh District Council, Suffolk County Council. Police did not attend. J. Dalton observer for volunteer group.

Herewith initial notes: full official minutes will follow and be forwarded to councillors.

Mary George reported that PC would be interested in pursuing the coir Plus low vegetation option to prevent further erosion but needs more information and costings. Awaiting information from appropriate official at EA. (Will Akast to chase up). Paula Booth for AONB team had supplied PC with information about sign suppliers and could lend temporary A frame signs to hold A1 poster for basic message re use of Green and River as a temporary measure. These being delivered to MG next week. MG to organise printing locally with Spingold. John Dalton willing to put out temporary signs as needed. Ready by Easter?

Environment Agent (navigation section) working on directional signs for millstream and weir. Would send sample to PC. Concern expressed by resident opposite the weir was passed on to EA. EA navigation team currently tied up with Ox/bridge boat race and Henley arrangements so some delay.

Ownership of riverbank and PROW beside conservation meadow queried. MG to check with Nayland Land Company. (*done – waiting for reply*). SCC PROW officer says SCC not responsible for portage signage as this is a navigational issue.

MG reported conversation with Fire Service re river rescue training and their concerns above river overcrowding. Message re safety and emergency contact should be included in the main information board.

MG to liaise with Paula Booth re signs and application for funding from AONB. (Email with various links to useful information received after meeting, MG will forward this to councillors).

Site meeting needed asap to decide on most appropriate location for permanent signs (rule of six will apply after 29th March) including advice re erosion so that permit from EA can be applied for. Reps from each organisation, including TWO members of Parish Council (MG to organise).

Funding: James Finch had sent appropriate funding forms to Debbie today. He had allocated £500 from Locality Budget for signage, plus another grant for the parking restrictions scheme. PC to gather rough estimates all potential costings asap: overall budget to be decided at next PC meeting based on information gathered before then. PC can use Neighbourhood CIL funds already in bank account. Confirmed by Babergh, to be approved at next PC meeting.

River StourTrust QR code not currently working (office closed under current restrictions). Need to ascertain when they will be able to process high volume of new river licences. Digital Codes on noticeboards need to be functional. James Finch to contact Stour River Trust.

EA to make enquiries about responsibility for lifebelt stations, provision and maintenance. Will Akast of EA to report back.

Target date to have everything in place: 27th May 2021.

Notes by Mary George 26th March 2021