

## Notes from CAG Meeting held on Weds 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**Present:** Eve Bonham-Cozens, Kat Killen, Kim Chatt, Carol Byrom

**Apologies:** Christopher & Marianne Mathews, Sue and Tony Crabb, Hilary Dunlavey, Cris Kingshott

### 1. Wildflower projects

- **Verge alongside bus shelter:** Derek Eastment has been asked to quote. Carol is applying for Wessex Water Environment Grant to help fund the clearance of this area.
- **Churchyard** – Fritillaries were planted in the churchyard on 30<sup>th</sup> March. The Wood Anemones are yet to be planted.
- **Planting primroses and snowdrops on corner of Drakes Lane:** Also planted on 30<sup>th</sup> March

### 2. Wildlife Hotspots project –

- **Water Voles in the village?** Hilary wrote a lovely article for Village News and posted on WhatsApp and Facebook asking of any evidence of water voles, but no information has been received so far.
- **Event 10<sup>th</sup> June: Birds & Butterflies, Bees & Bugs in our Villages.** This was discussed briefly as there will be a further planning meeting held at Eve's house on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May at 6.00pm. All welcome. Five places reserved so far. Please encourage your friends to attend.

3. **Litter** - Nicky organised a successful litter pick on 22<sup>nd</sup> April covering Long Lane and the village.

4. **Transport: Twenty's Plenty:** Application for 20mph speed limit in the village is one of only 9 applications submitted to Dorset Council. We are awaiting news.

5. **Dorset Council Street Lighting** – We had all seen the letter Sue has written to Dorset Council protesting the installation of LED street lights. All agreed to send individual letters to Dorset Council and Carol will write from the CAG.

6. **Climate Change Conversations:** We discussed the idea, proposed by Roger Sewill, to hold an autumn climate conversation on the topic of Food and Farming, in which an invited speaker/expert joins a group of interested local people in a conversation about the impact of farming on net zero and what is being done (or not done) locally to reduce carbon emissions, not only from the farming perspective, but also from a consumer perspective. The proposal was met with interest and comments included:

- Such a meeting would need thoughtful facilitation if it is not to lose its focus
- Guidelines or discussion points may be needed to stimulate conversation
- Some notes or outcomes should be made/followed up.

To be further discussed at next meeting.

7. Village News: **June edition: Birds & Butterflies, Bees & Bugs in our Villages**

8. **AOB** – we briefly discussed changing the name of the group as Climate Action Group could be wrongly seen as “activist” in the sense of active protest. Climate Awareness Group was suggested. To be further discussed at next meeting

**Next Meeting: Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 5.00pm at the Village Hall**