4th July 2018

Present, Rob Richardson, Adrienne Richardson, Ruth Buckmaster, Eric Buckmaster, Elizabeth Waugh, David Mead, Hazel Mead

Apologies, Nickie Hancock, Eugene Keddy, Robinne

RHSO Minutes approved

Finance £2188.30 from town council transferred from RHSO account held by Council. Included balance of grants over 2 years and sum transferred from previous bank account. Balance£2928.63 in account Agreed to share committee email addresses all present agreed

Maintenance

Adrienne started Cutting paths in April twice monthly. Not needed in hot weather Barry will claim petroleum costs for mayor at end of year

Discussed allergy position from wild parsley in Orchard. Recommended all wear long sleeves and trousers to avoid sap getting on skin and reacting with sun.

Rob mentioned some trees on edge re not in good shape owing to hedge heights and obscuring light. Need to do some hedge work during maintenance days.

Dead wood taking from plums and cherries. Membrane work almost done

Adrienne to ask town council which hedges will be cut as agreed with Town Council

Orchard to be mowed in mid September.

There will be two maintenance in Sept

Juice sales. 391 bottles left. 80 unlabelled.

Next events for sales Scarecrow, 8th and 9th Sept. Eric, Ruth, David, Hazel help set up David and Hazel will attend 8th. Eric and Ruth 9th Need additional help on the day

Allotment and garden show 1st Sept

Town selfie walk 29th Sept Apple day 6th October

24th Dec Christmas Lights We can do mulled cider at Christmas Lights, if so need TEN's Licence

Public Liability Insurance Eric to check insurance renewal

Apple Day 10:00am till 3pm

We reviewed the equipment list, and format which will broadly be same as last year.

Adrienne to book vehicle from Town Council for Apple day and juice collection. If town council bus not available then book from hire company.

Suggested we try Palmer and Harvey in Bishops Stortford. Could get juicers to deliver so need just for transporting apples.

Wassail

The possibility of Wassail was raised. A decision will be made at the next meeting when we also discuss Apple Day final details. Will need criteria for receiving permission from Town Council before undertaking planning.

Date of next meeting. Mon 17th September 7:30pm at 23 Rowney Gardens