



MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING 8th September 2025

Attending:

Mary Wayne / Chair - MW	Jiri Fuchs /Treasurer -JF
Hilary Scott / Secretary - HS	Marianne Leeson – Amenities - ML
Jacob Gloor / Warden - JG	Eddie Oag / Projects - EO

No.		Subject	Action
1.	Minutes from last meeting	Review/comment. No comments received. Minutes accepted.	
2.	Actions from last meeting	- Consultant's options re 'Yeading Brook Unbound'. MW has redistributed the report for further comment / preferences from committee members. - Climate Change Fresk – MW held a successful workshop with 7 volunteers attending with a view to involving wider audience. - Orchard Day was publicised and a successful event held on Saturday 6th September. Committee agreed to purchase an additional apple picker. - The council have now provided a replacement bin near the picnic bench in the park - HS has added an Environment and Conservation page to the website. Content will continue to be added. - Photo competition to be postponed until Spring 2026. - North Harrow Library has been booked for the AGM and OGM which have been moved to 12th October.	ALL JF
3.	Treasurer's Report	JF provided an update on current finances. Several voluntary donations have been received throughout the year, and we continue to receive a small income from Harrow Wins.	
4.	Secretary's report	HS reports that we currently have 223 members and 29 members on the volunteer WhatsApp group. Active volunteers have increased from 8 to 12 people. A quote and design have been received for a Flag Banner to help publicize our working groups. HS will progress the order to include FoYW's email address. HS is in the process of tidying up the FoYW email account and has created several new folders. This is still work in progress.	HS HS
5.	Green Grid update	Harrow Council Green Grid and the Crane Valley Partnership funding bids were both successful and monies have now been received which will support the creation of the Suffolk Road bed. JF and EO have erected the edging for the Suffolk Road bed which has now been filled with soil. Harrow's Landscape	



		Architect has approved the plant list with planting planned for October 2025. Focus will be on wildlife and year-round colour. It was agreed that we should trial green manure on the island bed which will then be dug in prior to planting.	MW/JG
6.	'No Mow' areas	JG will reduce the height of the grass and plant some yellow rattle seed which will help to suppress grass allowing other plants to thrive. MW suggested that we could scarify one of the no mow areas which may help the yellow rattle seed to take. It was agreed that we should improve the signage for these areas and perhaps create some 'Did You Know' posters.	JG JG/HS
7.	Yeading Brook Unbound priorities	The committee did a walk through the park to discuss the consultant's 'Yeading Brook Unbound' options and agreed the following priority areas: removal of the Japanese knotweed, identified sections of the stream suitable for deflectors to oxygenate the water, plus potential sites for grading the banks for wildlife and improving the river habitat. These will be communicated to the Project Manager by the chair.	MW
8.	Project Saturday Volunteering Priorities	Ideas discussed for future Project Saturdays and key tasks include weeding the Island Bed, removal of overgrown bramble behind the Nature Walk, relocating donated soil to the woodland fern location, sweeping/gathering leaves for composting in Nov., clearing overgrown path edging.	Volunteers
9.	Environment & Conservation page on website	HS has drafted a general statement and suggested ideas for content on the Environment & Conservation page. Committee members to review suggestions and provide content for their respective areas of expertise. HS will follow up with committee.	HS/ MW/JG/ALL
10.	The Hide/ Nature Walk	A discussion was held regarding the drinking / litter issues in this area. JG will modify the dead hedge to dissuade people using it as a seating area and a small rubbish bag/bin will be placed for discarded cans and bottles. The area will also be day-lighted by removing a couple of branches from the cherry laurel. Further action will be taken if the anti-social behaviour continues.	MW/JG
11.	AGM & OGM	AGM & OGM date now set for Saturday 12 th October 2025. Notice will be sent to members 3 weeks prior to the meeting. MW and JF to draft reports. All FoYW members are invited.	MW/JF/HS
12.	Next meeting	Next committee meeting to be held on Monday 1 st December 2025.	