

## Notes of Committee Meeting 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Present			Apologies
Jane Edwards (Chair) (JEd) Andrew Burrow (minutes) Flick Wheeler	Jim Ellis (JE) Ken Shaw	Lisa Langton Alison Beese	Beverley Spicer
Item No	Action		By whom
11/25	Minutes of the meeting of Committee of 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2025 approved		
12/25	Matters arising 1. LL and ASB confirmed that they had cancelled the direct debit and written to the CPRE cancelling membership respectively 2. Noted VJ day recognition assembly at the refurbished war memorial at 11.30 on Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> August		
13/25	<b>Open gardens</b> Noted that £6430.78 was raised including £663.22 for Pulmonary Fibrosis via teas at Tower House. The Society had met the printing costs of £100		
14/25	<b>Finance</b> 1. It was noted that Aviva had compulsorily redeemed the Society's preference shares in line with approval from the High Court to cancel the shares, resulting in a payment to the Society of £9855 2. It was agreed to invest £10,000 as the Society's "endowment" in the Hampshire Trust for a fixed 5-year term which is covered by the Government deposit guarantee scheme at an interest rate of 4.3%. That will give close to the income received from the preference shares. It was noted that the preference shares had made a capital gain from the original £6000 invested. However, the value of the shares could fluctuate depending on market interest rates which had been rising reducing the share value, whereas the deposit with Hampshire Trust would guarantee the capital. 3. It was also agreed to open a deposit account at Barclays where most of the working funds would be kept to gain modest interest that was now available 4. Current Society funds including the "endowment" totalled £12,713.95 5. The Treasurer would advise the total at each meeting and produce full accounts annually		

15/25	<b>Fairy Door project</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The samples were agreed as the basis for progression</li> <li>2. Three doors would be installed in Berkswell village as a pilot. In the spinney and on the well fencing subject to PC approval. ASB to request</li> <li>3. Stories would be written to go with the three doors for the web site and QR code labels purchased to link the door to the story on the website</li> <li>4. Actions as follows <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jim and Lisa to agree the best QR code label and its method of attachment to the door/door area</li> <li>b. Lisa to advise (from Keith) how we would affix the doors in the selected precise locations.</li> <li>c. Beverley, Jim and Jane to agree the stories for each door</li> <li>d. Lisa to write overall introduction of fairies for the website</li> </ol> </li> </ol>	ASB     JE/LL  LL   BS/JE/Jed LL
16/25	<b>Fly tipping project</b> <p>The following location were identified as hot spots for fly tipping</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Baulk Lane,</li> <li>2. Cornets End Lane,</li> <li>3. Benton Green Lane,</li> <li>4. Hodgetts Lane (near the bad crossroads)</li> <li>5. Mercote Hall Lane</li> <li>6. Layby south of Balsall Common on A4177 northbound side just north of Kenilworth boundary.</li> </ol> <p>Alison, Andrew and Lisa to meet supplier of cameras on 7<sup>th</sup> August to discuss camera and deterrence options.</p>	
17/25	<b>Watering of Spencer's Lane roundabout planter</b> Lisa to see if she can do this.	Lisa
18/25	Apply to PC for a £600 grant for planter maintenance	
19/25	It was agreed that the Society would review proposed housing site allocations under the proposed SMBC Local Plan in case we wished to comment	
20/25	<b>Next meeting 7.30 pm Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025 at the Bear inn.</b>	