

Meeting Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 7:30 PM St. Mary's Church – Downstairs Room

Summary Minutes

- 1. Welcome
 - a. The video 'Luddenden in Bloom in Black and White to Colour" 'was shown. This series of images was taken by Roly in 2011
- 2. Actions from previous meeting
 - a. Tony has not yet contacted David Glover / David Cant re future potential talks
- 3. Finance Update
 - a. Voluntary donations at the Millenium car park are now amounting to $\mathfrak{L}150$ permonth on average.
 - b. Web site hosting and SSL certification renewed for another 12 months at a cost of approx. £70 each
 - c. £100 to be spent on promotional material for the Open Gardens event.
- 4. Planning Applications
 - a. No new applications to report
 - b. Planning application for 2 Duke Street has been refused. We had objected on behalf of the Society
- 5. The Old Vicarage
 - a. David Bowker spoke to the group to explain the progress on the house.
- 6. Open Gardens Day Saturday 28th June 2025
 - a. Luddenden Open Gardens included in the national list of similar events.
 - b. Maps / programmes to be printed two weeks prior to event
 - c. Large banner prints have been ordered
 - d. Rotas to be prepared to support the plant sale, tickets and general garden owner support.
- 7. House Frontages Award The Ada Brooks Award
 - a. Judging to take a week prior to the Open Garden
 - b. Publicity
- 8. Phone Box
- 9. High Street sign
 - a. Has been installed and was official unveiled on the village Mayor
- 10. Bloom Group

a. A complete report on current and planned activities was presented.

11. 50th Anniversary

a. Tony thought of doing a History Walk. Kevin noted that Harry Bush might like to do a joint History Day with the Church. Tony to speak with Harry

12. Stocks Lane Junction

- a. A resident has spoken with the council about putting a bollard on the corner to prevent drivers turning on the corner. Tony wondered whether it might then be possible to reinstate the stocks, but members thought this would make it difficult for people on foot
- b. It was questioned whether the new zinc lamppost could be painted black. Tony to enquire
- 13. History Group There will be a talk about the local "Lady Globetrotter" on Wednesday 28th May. Investigations are also being made into the 18 men from WW2 mentioned on the war memorial