**Minutes of the meeting of the Broad Oak Working Group**

**Held Monday 30th June 2025 at 7.00 p.m. at The Room 4U**

**Present: Sheila Woodland (SW), Olivia Kennard (OK), John Kingdom (JK) and Nikki Shaw (NS)**

**Apologies for absence:** None received

OK chaired the meeting.

1. SW updated the meeting and confirmed an email had been received from the Primary School confirming it had now managed to get someone who is willing and able to move the wood from the Recreation Field. However, it does not have anywhere to store the wood at the School until it seasons. The Group had been asked if it would be possible for the School to store the wood at the same place as the rest of the wood. If this is possible then the School could go ahead and start making arrangements for the wood to be removed from the Recreation Field.

It was noted that there did appear to be space on the School premises where wood could be stored and which were not accessible to the children. It was appreciated however that its insurance conditions may prevent the storage of wood.

After discussion it was agreed to ask the Tree Officer at MDDC if it would be possible for the Primary School to store the wood on its land in the Recreation Field.

The Group was uncertain as to what wood was still on the Recreation Field and OK agreed to take a look and let SW know how many logs were still on site and their approximate size.

2. An email had been received from Peter Smith, on behalf of St Mary’s Church, in which he stated that the Church would be very interested in using some of the timber from the Oak in its ceiling and repair conservation project.

After discussion it was agreed that the Group would revert to the Church to ask how much wood is required and what sizes. Confirmation as to whether or not a contribution would be made by the Church for the wood. Confirmation would also be needed from a relevant person that the relevant risk assessments had been undertaken by the Church prior to any wood from the Oak being used in the project.

3. JK confirmed that if wood is needed for the construction of bus shelters in the village then this can now be used.

19.20 meeting closed