



The notes from the meeting of the Open Spaces Project Group held in All Saints Church Garden Room, Gurnard on Wednesday 14 December 2016 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor: McKean

Community Representatives: Martin Bilson (Chair), Steve and Terry Benstead

111 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fuller, Ellis Gant and Trevor Gant.

112 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

113 MEETING NOTES

The notes of the meeting held on 20 October were approved and signed by the chairman.

114 UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE LAST MEETING

- a) The clerk had tried to obtain a quotation from Southern Water for the installation of the mains water from the road to the site. Southern Water are unable to provide a quotation without payment of £336.00 (including VAT).
- b) The clerk obtained quotations for a metal shed - £289.99 for an 8ft by 10ft one
- c) Quotations were also obtained for recycled plastic picnic tables - £727.65 plus VAT and delivery each, plus an extra £54.00 to attach to grass.

It was agreed:

That due to the cost of the water supply, this part of the grant funding would not be used for this purpose.

115 TESCO FUNDING

The project has been granted £8,000.00 which should be paid into the Parish Council bank account in January 2017. The bid was for three levels - £8,000, £10,000 and £12,000. It was decided that to improve access to the site for all, plus to increase wildlife and visitor numbers, that the £2,000 for Bat Boxes, Bird Hide and an accessible nature trail (including a disabled parking area) will be funded instead of the water supply. Members felt that the water supply would be superfluous without the funding for the Community Growing area. This could be the subject of a future funding bid.

Members went through the costs of items claimed, line by line and agreed suppliers and alternatives.

- 1 Picnic tables – three round ones will be purchased from Lushington Garden Centre
- 2 Shed – a metal one from Screwfix will be purchased as this will provide good value for money, plus will reduce the risk of fire and vandalism. Advice will be sought on a base. Guttering and water butts will also be purchased to provide a greener water supply.
- 3 The mains installation of the water supply will not be funded due to the cost.
- 4 A petrol driven strimmer/brush cutter will be purchased from Hurst's.
- 5 New pond and marginal plants will be purchased from an appropriate source at the end of the project.

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- 6 & 7 To improve safe access to the pond, the bridge and walkway will be repaired instead of the installation of the dog and litter bins. The on-going costs of bin emptying does not have any source of funding, so will not be purchased. A quotation of £350.00 has been obtained for this work.
- 8 A total of 21 hand tools for use by volunteers will be purchased from Hurts/Screwfix or B & Q.
- 9 A ride on mower will be purchased from Albany Farm & Garden Machinery Limited
- 10 Educational signs require further quotations, as the only one obtained was in excess of £1,000

If any savings can be made, it was suggested that a natural seating area and possible fire pit could be purchased which could be used by a Forest School, Scouts, Guides, Toddler Group, Storytelling etc. Again this would increase the visitors to the site. A quote of £400.00 has been obtained for the seating area.

Steve will make enquiries about a Bat Survey of the site before the Bat Boxes are purchased to ensure that they will meet the demands of local species.

The clerk will check with the insurers regarding risks for the following:-

- 1 The parking area
- 2 The Ride on mower
- 3 Use of Power tools

It was also agreed as so many members were not able to attend the meeting, that in future all notes will be circulated after the meeting once approved by the Chairman.

110 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 18 January 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Garden Room, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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Chairman