



The notes from the meeting of the Open Spaces Project Group held in All Saints Church Garden Room, Gurnard on Thursday 20 October 2016 at 6.30 pm.

PRESENT: Councillor: McKean

Community Representatives: Martin Bilson (Chair), Steve Benstead, Karen and Andy Bradley

Martin opened the meeting by welcoming new two members (Karen and Andy) and providing a short update on the project.

102 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fuller, Dani Norbury, Jeremy Murton, Ellis Gant, Trevor Gant and Terry Benstead.

103 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

104 MEETING NOTES

The notes of the meeting held on 13 September were approved and signed by the chairman.

105 TESCO FUNDING

The clerk produced a list of items which were included in the successful Tesco funding bid. The shed and mains water supply together total £3173.00 of the £8,000 bid. The Picnic tables are an integral part of the bid for attracting people to use the site. The litter and dog waste bins may be reconsidered as these will incur an on-going cost for emptying for which there is no funding provision. A shed to contain the mower and hand tools is required, but they would like to include guttering with water butts and possible a tank system for collecting water. Lushington Garden Centre has offered a discount if both the shed and picnic tables are purchased from them. An alternative metal shed could also be considered – possibly from Screwfix.

ACTION:

- 1) The clerk to obtain a quotation from Southern Water to provide a mains water supply from Cockleton Lane into the field and then a quotation from the contractor to install a lockable tap at that point.
- 2) Members to source quotations for a metal shed.

106 FRIENDS OF COCKLETON MEADOW

As tasked, the clerk met with Philippa Daley from Community Action for advice about a constitution for the Friends group. A Small Charity constitution was suggested, but this was rejected by the group as too restrictive. A draft constitution was produced by the clerk for discussion. After discussion, a few adjustments are required, which will be forwarded to all members for consideration. Once agreed, an AGM will need to be arranged for all members and an Executive Committee appointed. Minutes from that meeting should be sufficient evidence to open a Bank Account with two signatories.

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107 GIFT TO NATURE

A six monthly report from Gift to Nature had been received and circulated to all members by the clerk. Nick Webb, the Ranger, has visited the site regularly and strims and mows areas of the site as required. They have also worked on a management plan for the site, which is an on-going document. They have also provided a link from their Facebook Page to the Cockleton Meadow one and often provide posts which should help publicise the site. They have a student who is going to prepare a report which should encourage more young people onto the site.

108 HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDING

Gift to Nature completed a bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This was not successful.

109 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The ponds require emptying before the Spring to ensure that wildlife is not disturbed. It was agreed that a working party would meet at 2pm on Sunday 29 October with wellies and spades.

ACTION: The clerk to contact all members and advise them of the working party requesting volunteers.

110 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14 December at 6.30 pm in the Garden Room, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm

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Chairman