



**The notes from the meeting of the Open Spaces Project Group held in Gurnard Primary School, Gurnard on Monday 4 July 2016 at 7.00pm.**

**PRESENT: Councillors: Fuller and McKean**

**Community Representatives:** Martin Bilson (Chair), Dani Norbury, Steve and Terry Benstead. Ellis and Trevor Gant

**76 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Jenny Schofield, Georgina Austin and Jeremy Murton

**77 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Councillor Fuller declared a Pecuniary Interest as an IW Councillor with an executive role for Open Spaces.

**78 MEETING NOTES**

The notes of the meeting held on 6 June 2016 were approved and signed by the chairman.

**79 REVIEW OF THE ACTION POINTS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- a) Councillor Fuller advised of his dialogue with the Planning Department and the developers regarding the removal of the footpath along the edge of the new development next door to the site.
- b) The electronic copy of the lease was forwarded by the clerk to Councillor McKean. The outcome of the bid for Tesco funding will be known in August.
- c) Gurnard Parish Council approved the payment to the Green Gym using funds allocated for a rotivator hire. The visit is booked for Wednesday 14 September 2016. Mr. Butchers will cut the grass just before this and the volunteers will rake the cuttings up which should help improve the flower meadow.

**80 FRIENDS OF COCKLETON MEADOW**

The proposal from Gift to Nature was discussed. The Friends would work as an independent group of volunteers under the direction of Gift to Nature who would assist in applying for funding for the project. ACTION: All agreed that this was the way forward for the group.

**81 REQUIRMENTS FROM GIFT TO NATURE**

After much discussion it was decided that:

- a) A monthly report detailing actions that have taken place including the ranger visits.
- b) A timetable of actions so that the volunteers can achieve tasks in their own time.
- c) Potential events – picnic Monday 29/08/16, or Friday 26/08/16 or 02/09/16, apple picking event showing different activities for the apples – possibly September and for the Footprint Trust to provide a “how to make compost” event.

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## 82 GURNARD IN BLOOM

Pallets are available from Steve Porter Transport to construct a composting area. It was suggested that 3 units are formed which would require 4 pallets each. Trevor can possibly arrange transport via ITS. Amey are keen to promote composting rather than the sale of the green bags.  
ACTION: Councillor Fuller will investigate if they would provide some composting bins (sponsored) for the site.

## 83 MAP OF THE SITE

Dani produced a beautiful hand drawn map of the site for members to consider, which shows a trail around the main features. She will add a title and details of the location. This could be reproduced onto signage, the Facebook page and any promotional literature.

## 84 PICNIC TABLE SPONSORSHIP

The clerk has found prices for recycled plastic heavy duty picnic tables which are approximately £450.00 each. It was suggested that donations could be sought in memory of Jenny Thomas.  
ACTION: Councillor Fuller will include an article in his next monthly report.

## 85 SIGNAGE FOR THE GATE

Trevor advised that an aluminum sign 2 foot wide by 1 foot high would cost approximately £32.00. Councillor Fuller advised that there is a maximum size for signs in the countryside which he will check with planning. Members agreed that the wording should be "Welcome to Cockleton Meadow. Thank you for keeping this access clear at all times". It would be nice to include some pictures of the wild flowers and butterflies.

## 86 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11 August at 7.15 pm in the Garden Room, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

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Chairman