

The notes from the meeting of the Open Spaces Project Group held in All Saints Church Garden Room, Gurnard on Monday 8 August 2016 at 7.15pm.

**PRESENT: Councillor: Fuller**

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

**87 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor McKean, Jenny Schofield, Georgina Austin, Carole Parker, Steve and Terry Benstead

**88 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

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

**89 MEETING NOTES**

The notes of the meeting held on 4 July 2016 were approved and signed by the chairman.

**90 ACTION PLAN FOR THE COMPOSTING AREA**

Terry Butchers has agreed to cut the main flower meadow ahead of the Green Gym visit on Wednesday 14 September, so that the volunteers can rake up all the cuttings. These need to be placed in the composting bins. Pallets can be used to construct them – Martin provided instructions. The clerk will provide contact details to Martin who will arrange collection, then Trevor and Ellis will try to build the composting bins. The possible funding by Amey/The Footprint Trust for a composting project will not be available until at least 2017.

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

- a) Councillor Fuller advised that despite his dialogue with the Planning Department, the condition to include a pavement along Cockleton Lane has been removed from the Planning Permission for the seven new houses on the former Gurnard Primary School site.
- b) The clerk confirmed that 12 pallets have been put aside from Steve Porter Transport for the composting area which need to be collected.
- c) Dani has updated the hand drawn map of the site which was appreciated by all present. She will label the trees once the clerk has remade the laminated labels. Trevor and Ellis will help with the labeling and taking the apples to the Nursery. The map will include the labeled trees.
- d) Although the article has appeared in the Gurnard News, no-one has yet contacted Martin about sponsoring a picnic table yet, although the WI may consider sponsoring one.

**92 FRIENDS OF COCKLETON MEADOW**

- a) All except one active member has agreed to the email group direct from Gift to Nature, this member will be contacted by text.
- b) Officers for the new group were elected as – Chairman and Treasurer – Martin Bilson, Vice-chairman – Councillor Fuller, Secretary Sue Waters (Voluntary position only).

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- c) An insurance quotation has been received for the group but it was considered that as the land is leased by the Parish Council, no separate policy is required. This needs to be detailed in the constitution.
- d) A funding application has been completed by Carol from Gift to Nature for additional support from them in the way of training for volunteers. The outcome will be known in mid-September.
- e) 2 water butts have been offered for the site, but a way of gathering the water needs devising. The scouts are willing to build a water collection system, but require the materials. All members will try to find some surplus guttering, down pipes and corrugated sheeting.
- f) Events – Gift to Nature can only assist with advice and materials and not with manpower for attendance at any events. In view of this, it was decided to postpone any events except the apple harvest and attendance at the Gurnard Harvest event on Saturday 17 September 2016. Councillor Fuller has offered to man the stand.  
Dani will design a flyer with a tear off section for additional members to join the group – Trevor advised that his sister-in-law may be interested once she retires from work. The clerk will print any required resources to use. Gift to Nature have offered the use of display stands. Dani, Martin and Ellis will provide photos of the project to date to be used, that the clerk can print out.

## 93 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 13 September at 6.30 pm in the Garden Room, All Saints Church.

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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Chairman