

Friends of Cockleton Meadow

(Notes of Committee Meeting held on 15/5/17)

Present:- Martin Bilson (Chair), Sue Waters (Treasurer), Steve and Terry Benstead , Terry and Ellis Gant, Jane McKean (Secretary)

Apologies:- Paul Fuller, Lisa Paul PCSO

Minutes agreed after amendment to the reference to the Bat survey at the old school site made.

Chair's report:-

- * picnic tables have been "dug in" to ensure stability
- * pond being restored
- * gates have been painted. Martin thanked Terry for her hard work on them.
- * signs (dog litter, no parking) have been sited
- * storage unit in situ, members will need "training" on how to open it. The mower, tools and bat boxes have been stored. Steve asked for the rest of the boxes that he has been storing to be moved to the unit.
- * the firepit is in place – it has a removable base and top. Discussion ensued about its use with reference to safety. Decision made for the firepit to be used at organised events (e.g. Forest/Summer School/ GPC events) or with the agreement of the committee subject to risk assessment and notification of the fire service. A sign will be ordered from Biltmore outlining the safety advice. Sand buckets will be kept in the shed.
- * 2 hedgehog homes have been placed and Steve will work on a map showing positions of wildlife boxes on the site
- * Martin reported back on his presentation to Gurnard Parish Council

Website Report :-

Ellis has had his mum proof read the text on the website and he has updated it and the photos. Members have had trouble accessing the web page. Ellis reminded the committee of the address – **friendsofcockletonmeadow.myfreesites.net**

Treasurer's Report :- Sue presented the budget and the outline of Tesco money spent and remaining (hard copies filed by secretary). Discussion ensued about ensuring the funds are used as was proposed in the bid i.e. making sure the parking is paid for by Tesco.

Secretary's report:- An application for a grant from Island Roads has been made to extend parking area and accessible pathways around the meadow, around the pond and orchard.

Action Plan:-

- 1.) Martin asked for comments slips to be available for users of the meadow
- 2.) Site map needed

- 3.) Pond gates to be painted
- 4.) Presentation of progress so far to Gurnard Parish Council
- 5.) Shed to be painted (Sue suggested this could be funded under street furniture budget of GPC) possibly Green Gym in the autumn.
- 6.) Raised beds to be cleared as our next event - ? date
- 7.) Item to be penned for Gurnard News raising profile of the project and inviting people to The Great Get Together on June 18th (in remembrance of Jo Cox)
- 8.) The National Association of Local Government are planning events to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1. An event after the Church Service was suggested – Jane will contact Vicar
- 9.) Application to Countryside Stewardship (Direct Gov.) for funding to be made
- 10.) Morey's have provisionally offered to build a water capturing structure on the shed

Next meeting: Monday 12th June, 6pm in the meadow