

FRIENDS OF COCKLETON MEADOW

Notes from committee meeting held on 6th November 2017

- In attendance: Martin Bilson (Chair)

Terri and Steve Benstead, Sue Waters (Treasurer), Jean and Roger Bartrum

Doreen Gant, Ellis Gant, Terry Nolan, Jane McKean (Secretary)

- No apologies
- Previous meeting notes (3/10/17) reviewed, the only matter arising not on the agenda was that concerning the boundary fence and the offer to a local resident of the purchase of a permit to continue to use the gate from his property into the site – so far no response. Terry requested confirmation of whose boundary it is before decisions are made by GPC to possibly make good the fence where it has been breached.
- Chair's Report contained within agenda items.
- Treasurer's Report – Sue presented her previously circulated accounts.
There is £800 left of the Tesco money, which is not enough for a shelter so the offer of match funded benches made by Lee Matthews of IWC was discussed and agreed. Two wooden benches will be purchased with £600 from IWC and £600 from FOCM. They will be placed at the top of the meadow close to the picnic benches. The remainder of the Tesco money (£200) will be used for equipment such as pond dipping nets, bug catchers etc.
- The firepit was discussed with reference to the Risk Assessment which was reviewed and amended.
Gurnard Parish Council will discuss and rule on signage following appraisal of the amended Risk Assessment and the pronouncement of the Insurers.
Jean suggested at this point the purchase of sand and sand bin to be positioned near the firepit – this could also be purchased with the remainder of the Tesco money although Sue will also approach Island Roads to help.
- Risk assessments will also be needed for any "events" involving volunteers and/or members of the public e.g. safe use of ladders, mower, brush cutter etc. Training will also be needed.
- Sue reminded Jane that an end of project report is required by Tesco by the end of the year.
- The problem of the pedestrian gate was discussed but the decision was made to agree with Lee Matthews (IWC) who recommended no action at present. Following this, Terry put forward an idea to improve the safety and access to the site via the field gate – to move the gate back, allowing safe parking for approximately 4 cars. GPC to explore the feasibility of this with IWC.
- Martin had collected 91 bottles of apple juice at a total cost of £91. It was agreed to sell on at a cost of £1.50 via website, Facebook and possibly Gurnard Press.
- Martin proposed regular Volunteer working party dates.
The first to be Sunday 3rd December at 10am for pruning and hedge planting but to include mince pies and mulled wine (non-alcoholic). Ellis will produce a poster for local shops informing the public and inviting volunteers – Facebook/website to advertise the event which may coincide with another Jo Cox event (Martin to explore)
- The AGM is planned for 11th January 2018 (depending on availability of the Garden Room)
- AOB – Doreen informed Jane of another possible funding stream – the High Sheriff's Fund
- Next meeting – December 4th at 6.30 at the chairman's home.