

## **Friends of Cockleton Meadow**

Committee Meeting notes (07/02/18)

**Present:** Martin Bilson, Terry Nolan, Sue Waters, Jane McKean and Holly Medland

**Apologies:** Jean and Roger Bartrum

Welcome: To Holly Medland who has teaching skills and is interested in the project.

### **Update from the Chairman**

Martin advised it has been quiet since the last meeting except that he attended a Tesco Bags of Help promotion on Friday. They advised that it might be worthwhile applying for a grant in the future.

Martin has chased the Isle of Wight Council about the fence but still no definitive answer. There is another volunteer session this Sunday 11 February 2018 from 10am to 12 noon.

**It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to take over this as leaseholders and the clerk to act on this item.**

### **Update from the Treasurer**

Jane advised that Nationwide no longer take new Treasurer's Accounts so she spoke to Lloyds. Sue and Martin provided the necessary information to open an account with three officers of which any two can be signatories. She also attended a bid writing workshop which was very useful and she has a lot of information. It was suggested that a draft A4 document is produced all about the project so that as soon as Grant Funding is available it can be applied for. She was advised that for a successful bid the project but be unique – it may be best to look for funding for events at the site. She will look at both the Children in Need and Heritage Lottery grants.

### **Next Steps**

It was agreed that the site needs to be better promoted. Both the Facebook Page and Website need to attract more people plus the posters need to be designed. Martin will endeavour to make the Facebook page "open", Holly will look at both and provide some suggestions.

### **Action Plan**

The Action Plan was agreed by all present but a section needs adding to include "promoting the site"

### **Report for the Parish Council**

Martin agreed to write a short report for the Parish Council to be presented alongside the Action Plan.

### **Jo Cox Memorial Picnic**

This will be on the weekend of 22-24 June 2018, and could be used as an official opening of the site. Martin has registered an interest and will be sent all the resources.

### **Any other Business**

Martin will be away from the end of March for two months. Roger has agreed to co-ordinate in Martin's absence.

### **Date of Next meeting**

Wednesday 21 March at 6.30pm in the café at Gurnard Pines (Fitness at Gurnard)

Meeting closed at 7.30pm.