

Friends of Cockleton Meadow

Committee Meeting notes (18/07/18)

Present: Roger Bartrum (Chair), Terry Nolan, Jane McKean, Sue Waters and Holly Medland.

Apologies: Martin Bilson and Jean Bartrum

The notes from the previous meeting held on 6 June 2018 were agreed by all present.

Matters Arising

- a. The artwork from the printers has not yet been received for the new Welcome and pond signs. Once received, they will be circulated by email for committee approval.
- b. Gurnard Parish Council are happy to pay for the next Green Gym visit, but they would like the committee to apply for a grant.
- c. The picnic tables have been secured by the Gift to Nature ranger who will provide an invoice for the parts only.
- d. Due to the exceptional dry weather, some of the matting has lifted which needs to be pegged back down – Roger will try to do this.

Update from the Treasurer

Jane advised that the HSBC Bank Account is now operational so the group can start applying for funds, and that there is a donation of £100.00 in the account. Jane will now start a grant application for Gurnard Parish Council, and write to the Bae Systems Employees Charity fund requesting £150.00 to pay for the summer events. Roger suggested Sainsbury's, Waitrose, the Co-op and Wight Aid as potential sources as he has been successful in getting funds for other projects.

Update from the Chairman

As Martin is away, there was no update.

Events at the Meadow

Holly has organised the resources for all three events in August, so far paying from her own pocket. She has advertised in the Gurnard News, sent the poster to all Primary Schools and Facebook which has reached over 12,000 people so far. From the Facebook page, 217 people have advised there are attending, so if we get half of them it would be great. Holly is making sufficient resources for 100 attendees, with 6 different activities (not all children will do all of them). Holly requires more adult volunteers to help with activities, although all children attending are their parent's responsibility. Due to the dry weather, the ponds are drying out so "pond dipping" may not be available. Holly needs jam jars and egg boxes.

Signage

The tourist brown sign is considered too expensive. A disabled parking sign should be costed.

Any Other Business

- A The dog bin was overflowing recently. Please phone or email the Sue who will contact Island Roads.
- B The Parish Council insurers are visiting the site on 17 August 2018 to check all is in order and Risk Assess the pond with a view of installing the sign and unlocking the fences for open access.
- C Holly will be facilitating a birthday party in the meadow on 08/08/18.
- D Holly met with Martin before he went away and can now set up the porta potty for any events.
- E Only Holly and Martin can post as administrators on the Facebook Group, and only Holly on the actual page. Any comments made by members should always be positive.
- F We will ask Martin will call a volunteering event when required.
- G The Green Gym visit to rake the meadow after cutting will need to be booked (Martin) as we have sufficient funds to pay for that.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19 September 2018 at the Meadow but at Gurnard Pines if wet.

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm.