



The notes from the meeting of the Open Spaces Project Group held in All Saints Church Garden Room, Gurnard on Wednesday 18 January 2017 at 6.30 pm.

**PRESENT: Councillor: McKean**

**Community Representatives:** Martin Bilson (Chair), Steve Benstead, Mr Lewis and Ellis Gant

**117 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fuller, Terry Benstead and Trevor Gant.

**118 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

There were no Declarations of Interest declared.

**119 MEETING NOTES**

The notes of the meeting held on 14 December 2016 were approved and signed by the chairman.

**120 WEBSITE**

Ellis provided a draft website on his phone to show to members. He has found a site which provides both a free domain and hosting server. Members were very pleased with the work provided by Ellis and congratulated him. It was agreed that Ellis will remain as webmaster, but that any written input is checked by the Parish Clerk before the site goes "live". A link will be provided to both the Parish Council website and the Cockleton Meadow Facebook page.

Ellis and Mr. Lewis left after this item.

**121 UPDATE ON ITEMS FROM THE LAST MEETING**

- a) Martin has completed a lot of investigation for prices for items for the Tesco funding. A wooden shed was discounted at the last meeting due to the isolated site and that wood might attract vandals, a metal shed has now been discounted as it causes internal condensation which would effect the tools and machinery stored inside. A container has been suggested which would be craned into position and not require a separate base. The cost would be £1,500. It was agreed to suggest this to Tesco.
- b) The clerk advised that she has contacted the agent who is administering the grant on behalf of Tesco, who have agreed the changes in principle but require an amended budget sheet to be completed. This will be uploaded after this meeting and all items agreed by members.
- c) The cost of the three picnic tables has been confirmed as £942.00.
- d) To supply a Ride on Mower which could cut the meadow would cost in excess of £3,000. It was agreed that a heavy duty petrol mower would be purchased instead at a cost of £649.00.
- e) The petrol driven strimmer/brush cutter will cost £300.
- f) Signage is still being discussed so this item will remain at £500. The clerk will contact the Environment Officer to see if there are any Dog Fouling signs available and obtain alternative quotations. Martin will also obtain quotes for a wooden sign.

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- g) Instead of pond and marginal plants, it was agreed that the bridge should be re-enforced and a safety kneeling rail be installed to improve the safety when pond dipping at a cost of £400.
- h) For the summer school, wooden seating at £400.00 and an Indian Fire Pit at £350.00 will be suggested to Tesco.
- g) Martin obtained a quotation for a hard standing for disabled parking which amounted to £7,500. Also it was discovered that mains services run under the site which would cause problems if the area was dug out. An alternative of plastic hexagonal tiles was suggested which would improve the surface for parking. This cost approximately £1,500. This would be suggested to Tesco.
- h) Steve has contacted the Bat man who is happy to survey the site and check which species of bat are there before bat boxes are bought. A figure of £695.300 would cover bat boxes, nesting boxes and insect boxes which would increase the wildlife on site and therefore encourage more visitors.

It was agreed that the clerk will prepare an amended budget based on discussions at the meeting, circulate it to the members who were present and then upload it to the funding website for their approval.

The clerk has also checked with the Parish Council insurers who are happy to provide a quotation for adding the new equipment to the All Risks section of the policy. They have also confirmed no issues with the disabled parking area, and advised that a fire proof box should be provided within the shed to store a petrol can. A generic Risk Assessment form was also provided for use of the petrol driven equipment.

## 116 AGM of the Friends of Cockleton Meadow

The agreed constitution for the new group states that a quorum of 8 members is required for the AGM, so the meeting was cancelled. It was agreed that members may be worried about taking on Executive Committee posts, therefore did not attend. Volunteers were sought for the positions which will be advertised along with the next agenda.

Chairman	Martin Bilson
Vice- chairman	Paul Fuller (he agreed ahead of the meeting as he could not attend)
Secretary	Jane McKean
Treasurer	Sue Waters
General Committee	Steve Benstead

A free venue will be sought for the AGM to be held on Monday 13 February 2017 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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Chairman