

Meeting of Parkend Community Orchard

Saturday 8th October at 10.00am at Parkend Memorial Hall

1) Present

Nikki, Elaine, Tamsin (FE -Forestry), Martine, Pete, Lisa, Mike, Magda, Mark George, Ann, Julia, Alan, Iain Hastings, Yasmina and Marc Nicholson, Jane and Bob Mortley, Sue Swan, Emma Bligh, Dave Preest

2) Apologies

James, Laura, Janine , Martin, Richard, Bridget, Gemma

3) Welcome and Intro/ Current situation

Elaine welcomed everyone and outlined the current situation

FE paying for supply and install of pedestrian gates

4 parking spaces adjacent to cattle grid, Trevor has quoted £1,000.00 for installation

Becky Hoyland (GCC councillor) has awarded us a grant of £2,500.00 – matching the Yorkley project. This will pay for the stock and boar proof fencing required around the fields. **This grant figure has not been confirmed yet (EH)**

Sue has brought foxglove and primrose plants to be planted after the meeting. She will also order seeds for any of those present who are willing, to grow in their own gardens, to encourage caterpillars and in turn butterflies.

Discussion then ensued regarding the group's access to the First Aid kit and a Lifetime and Heirs lease on the land (for Agricultural use) which is attached to York Lodge House.

It was agreed to use the International Timber postcode for the project, rather than York Lodge House.

4) Draft Constitution

This was finalised and agreed with the following alterations

//2 Intro - substitute 'land' instead of 'garden'

//4 Aims – substitute 'wellbeing ' instead of 'benefit', add 'inclusive' to safe and accessible

//5 Management Committee – The project is NOT a subcommittee of WDPC

Discussion of insurance liability – how much onus is on us to check fencing etc ? Tamsin will undertake 6 monthly site inspections She will speak to FE Estates to clarify the situation further

Any injuries sustained during working parties or events will be reported to FE

//6 Remit of Management Committee – substitute 'community ' instead of 'members' to make full use of the area

Add bullet point – ‘Ensure that the terms of the licence are followed’

//8 Equal Opp – substitute ‘resource’ instead of ‘garden’. Omit remainder of sentence ‘regardless of age’ etc . A 1m wide path would be required for use by a mobility scooter.

//9 Working Parties etc. –First sentence –

Add ‘ have a leader approved by the committee and FE’

2nd //covered by WDPC – Add ‘for working parties and other events’. Any injury will be recorded substitute ‘ and sent to FE Tamsin’ instead of ‘ and that record kept for 6 yrs’.

Add further sentence at end ‘Members of the Public Use use the land at their own risk ‘

//10 Finances – substitute ‘all income is used for community benefit’ instead of ‘all income is used for third party liability insurance ‘

Finance guidelines – substitute ‘payments’ instead of ‘cheques’. Investigate electronic means of banking ??Unity Bank

Election of committee

The following persons were nominated , seconded, approved and elected by all those present to hold positions on the committee

Chair – Pete Sherrard Smith

Secretary – Nikki Rudge

Treasurer – Mike Andrew

School Liaison Officer- Elaine Highfield

Bid Writer and Fundraising Lead- Mark George

Social Media/ Communications Officers – Elaine High field and Martine Bewhay

AOB – FE will use their own Dog Sign. Parkend Village website parkendvillage.uk

There being no other AOB the meeting closed at 11.10am. Further meeting date tbc

Many Thanks to Elaine for the yummy cakes and to Sue for the lovely, healthy plants provided. Hope I haven't omitted any vital info !!

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