**Ide Parish Council**

**Weir Meadow and Northern Fields with Community Orchard**

**Joint Projects Fundraising Group Meeting on Zoom**

**Monday 8 November 2021, 7.30pm**

**MINUTES**

1. Welcome and apologies

In attendance:

Nick Bradley (NB), Imelda Liversage (IL), David Howe (DH), Philip Wilcock (PW), Peter Cloke

(PC), Trevor Gardner (TG), Cheryl Haddy (CH)

Apologies from Charlotte McGregor, Jessica Paine and Richard Cottle.

Maresa Bossano has now withdrawn from the group. NB will write and thank her for work on this group. ACTION NB

1. Draft minutes of the meeting on 27 September 2021 for approval (previously circulated) were approved as drawn.
2. Update on funds raised so far: £37,208 to Weir Meadow and £23,101 to Community Orchard. NB thanked PW for curating and circulating current balance schedule.
3. Reports on Action points from last meeting
   1. Ide Times thermometer, and running totals – NB thanked CH for the construction of the thermometer and inclusion in October Ide Times. NB will forward current totals raised on 20th of each month. CH will also display the thermometer on the website and Facebook pages. ACTION NB/CH
   2. Oct 9 Launch event was noted a success. NB thanked CH and her team for their hard work, a good PR exercise and informative session for those attending, with over 100 pancakes sold. 35 accompanied visitors went to Orchard and 12 to Weir Meadow. Visitors were generally impressed with the sites and the plans for their development.
   3. Q&A in Ide Times – NB prepared a piece in preparation for the launch event, and more will appear in future editions, keeping residents up to date with plans. NB has responded with personal letters to two potential donors who asked for reassurance that the land will not be sold on for development. A question has been raised about access for dogs on the two sites and policies for these will need to be formulated. ACTION NB
   4. Forestry Commissioner’s Officer had planned to visit the Northern Fields site on 2nd November, but this has been delayed until the early new year due to the number of cases currently being worked.
4. Update on the Viridor Credits application – we have been accepted for the final stage of the application. It is to be decided on 7th January 2022. We have applied for a grant of £33,000. We should be notified of the outcome within 10 days of the meeting. A visit will be made by them to the orchard prior that date.

Post meeting update: the Viridor liaison officer, Nick Berry, will make a site visit on 1 December. NB, PC, DH will attend. Alice Purcell will be invited.

1. Update on the Coastal Waste application – unfortunately this scheme has now been withdrawn due to lack of funds.
2. Report on subgroup meeting held on 2 November 2021 – PC, NB, DH met up - TG was unable to attend. A second wave appeal letter will be sent to those who have not responded, or completed their pledges or are newly identified donors. This will be followed up with a personal contact. NB will send out letters with a target date for donations of 1st December. It was decided against a second drop of leaflets. It was noted that the school was given a supply of leaflets, which will hopefully reach those families who are not resident in the village.
3. Consultation ahead of loan application. We will hold two public meetings no sooner than 17 January 2022 as part of the consultation process. We will draft a loan consultation survey letter with return slip (to the shop) to be distributed after we have heard about the Viridor application, which will determine the size of the loan needed. ACTION NB
4. Next Community Event – A Jumble Sale and Café is planned for 20 November 2021 2-5 pm with raffle. A Christmas/Craft Fair was mooted, but it was not possible to book the hall before Christmas. The Church was suggested as an alternative venue. Ideas for a murder mystery/Valentine/bingo event for February are being considered. CH suggested that we ask Olivia Ambrose to join the group to help her with events - agreed.

Action: CH to approach Olivia in first instance.

1. Date of next meeting: **17 January 2022 7.30pm**.

NB will update members on the progress of the loan application and current fundraising totals on 13 December 2021

**Post meeting update:** The hall has been booked for Saturday 22 January 2022 for two public meetings 1-2pm and 5-6pm.

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Approved 18 Jan 2022