

**TENTERDEN TOWN COUNCIL – EXTERNAL COMMITTEE
KILN FIELDS RESERVE AND WILDLIFE VENUES SUB-COMMITTEE
NOTES OF A MEETING ON 18.03.19**

PRESENT:

Town Councillors: Mrs. J. Curteis, C. Knowles, Dr. Lovelidge

Non-Councillors: Vicki Bance, John Burnell.

Tenterden Town Council Staff: Lesley Owers taking notes.

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Mrs. P. Smith
- 2. CO-OPTION OF RESIDENT MEMBERS:** It was proposed that Vicki Bance and Jon Burnell join the Kiln Field Sub-Committee as resident members.
- 3. MINUTES:** The minutes of the last meeting held on 3rd December 2018 were agreed.
- 4. MATTERS ARISING (from above meeting and Kiln Field site visit):**
These are covered below.
- 5. KWT QUOTE:** It was agreed to accept the KWT quote for the preparation of a Nature Conservation Management Plan of £825 + VAT.
Action: Contact Kent Wildlife Trust/Anne Waite accepting their proposal to prepare the Management Plan.
- 6. GRANT FUNDING:** A Sussex Lund grant is available for improving the High Weald landscape and it was agreed to ask Vincent Ganley to make the application on our behalf.
Action: Contact Kent Wildlife Trust/Vincent Ganley to approach Sussex Lund and make an application for a grant on our behalf.
- 7. WILDFLOWERS ON VERGES:** A selection of areas need to be identified and signs need to be put up.
Action: Contact Vincent Ganley to request information packs on wild flowers on grass verges and bees.
- 8. INTERPRETATION BOARDS:** Various quotes had been obtained but it was too early to make any decisions on these.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Vicki Bance requested that residents should be kept informed regarding the progress at Kiln Field as communication is key.

We should engage with the Schools Trust and invite them to the next meeting. Cllr. Curteis has a meeting with them on 10th April and will discuss this with them then.

Jon Burnell advised that there is an area which is occupied by a large grass snake that it is quite vulnerable as the area needs twigs, branches and logs as it is very sparse. The TTC maintenance men will do this. Jon Burnell will also send us a list of birds that are present at the site.

Date of next meeting. Monday 20th May at 5.30 p.m.