

## Minutes from the meeting of The Friends of Landport Bottom 14<sup>th</sup> May 2018

### Apologies for absence:

Ruth O'Keeffe, Thyone Outram, Kim Dawson, Victoria Trenhaile, Jenny Keen, Jackie Bishop

### Attendees

Jenny Lindop, Rob Elvery, Stephen Watson, David Marsh, Councillor Susan Murray, Councillor Roger Murray, Councillor Imogen Makepiece.

Action points arising from the previous Minutes:

1. Fireworks/vandalism at Halloween – Stephen said that Nina Murden had emailed him to say that WPC Ross, the school liaison PC, has been made aware by Kym Murden of this issue, over a year ago.
2. An additional dog waste bin - The bin has still not been transferred from the Neville Green to Landport Bottom so this action is carried forward.
3. Finger-posts to indicate bridleway route through the tumuli field - Finger posts have not been installed so this action is carried forward.
4. Imogen Makepiece has reported threatening encounters with horse riders on the path from the stables to the prison bridleway to the police. She encourages others to do the same, so the police can build up a log of any threatening behaviour.
5. The weeding of the newly planted whips has been done.
6. Responsible User Survey – Imogen Makepiece has made a Wordpress site called 'A Little Bit of Heaven' to record users feelings regarding Landport Bottom and encourages people to leave responses.

### Rangers Report

Neither of the rangers could be present at the meeting, but Thyone Outram had sent a written report (see separate document) which Stephen read to the meeting.

### Issues and concerns

Clear finger posts are needed on the path past the stables.

There hasn't been much maintenance, if any, from ESCC on the path there.

Imogen Makepiece suggested asking Brian Courage to trim the Hawthorn either side of the bridleway through the tumuli field to make it easier to pass through. There was a discussion about whether this would be the Community Ranger's responsibility.

There was a discussion about the bridleway from the prison, which can become very muddy and unpleasant for walkers especially when passing horses. A suggestion was would it be possible to clear some scrub next to it create a new path that walkers could use. Roger Murray suggested asking Thyone Outram whether this would be possible.

The chalk pit has some turf damage by cyclists and also bunting which needs clearing, however this isn't part of Landport Bottom and is believed to be owned by the owners of the Curry Cottage restaurant.

Considerations need to be made about the new GDPR laws and Friends of Landport Bottom group. Stephen will email the list to ask if people want to remain on it.

### Wildlife

The newt survey was a great success.

A patch of wild garlic (ramsoms) has appeared in the woods above the A275.

At the South End Pond field there will be orchids appearing and it may be possible to see the small blue butterfly.