



## Friends of Murray Park

Notes of meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
At Salvation Army Priory Centre, Queens Way, Ipswich

### Present:

**Officers:** Sue Bird (Chair)  
Scott Falteisek (Secretary)  
Lesley Fayers (Treasurer)

**Members:** Malcolm Ebbs                      Jenny Ebbs  
Ian Hardwick                              Paul Gilbert

**Councillors:** None present at this meeting

**Apologies:** Cllr Stephen Connelly              Cllr Sarah Barber      Helen Barker  
Juliette Clarke                              Colin Clarke

### 1. Minutes of last meeting

Meeting minutes were deemed acceptable.

### 2. Excluded People

There were no excluded people.

### 3. Updates

The Secretary would like to thank Ian Hardwick for covering the minutes for the previous meetings due to his absence.

**Action**

It has been confirmed that the next meeting in June will be held at the Golden Hind Public House on Nacton Road. Depending on the suitability it may be the venue for other future meetings.

The new goalposts have now been ordered. The goalposts can be moved around as needed as they include new sockets. The goalposts are full size but have no nets. It has been suggested that they be located on the King Edward Road Side.

**IBC**

The Secretary has completed his part on the signatories' form, the Vice Chairman is the only one who needs to complete the form for the Group's bank account.

**GT**

Holes being dug in the park is still an issue. The offending dog has not been spotted digging recently, however there has been a fox spotted in the area. Members are asked to be vigilant and report any further sightings to the Chair.

**IBC and Group**

Fencing of the orchard area still not complete. A lump of concrete with metal sticking out has been spotted in that area which is an eyesore and dangerous. There is also rotting wood and a large deep hole/trench.

**IBC**

A large heap of tinder from mowing has been left in the wildlife area at the southern end, which could be a potential fire hazard with summer now approaching.

**IBC**

Alterations to Public Toilets have not yet been completed.

**IBC**

#### **4. Priorities**

##### **Recruitment**

A notice for recruiting new members has been put on a notice board in Murrayfield School, thanks to Ian Hardwick. Notice for Rose Hill School still needs to be done.

It has been suggested that we contact some community groups /playgroups.

**BS TR**

A notice has been displayed in the park noticeboard thanks to Malcolm Ebbs.

##### **Fundraising**

Contact local play groups/schools to see what suggestions they have for a fete held at the park.

**Group**

#### **5. Any Other Business**

Following Cllr Connelley's helpful suggestion at the previous meeting, the Group is considering trying to raise funds for a path made from gravel or another cheaper medium, running between the trees from the Hamilton Road gate and the St David's Road gate. Is it feasible, what would be the costs, what type of path do we want? Paul Gilbert has suggested we should get some quotes from other contractors with measurements and specifications before we approach IBC.

**Group then IBC**

Manhole covers located on King Edward Road end, near Felixstowe Road and the Toilet Blocks have now become a tripping hazard due to soil erosion because of the recent weather. Who is responsible for taking care of this issue?

**IBC/AWA**

There have recently been incidents of motor cyclists on the park in the late evening/night.

Boys have been noticed having barbecues on the park.

Notices needs to be put in the MUGA court regarding guidelines/rules for its use. Two big signs are needed as the one in the Tennis Courts is not suitable either, being very small.

**IBC**

## **6. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June, Golden Hind Public House, Nacton Road, Ipswich

Future Meetings

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October (AGM)

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November