



Friends of Murray Park

Notes of virtual meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021 Via Microsoft TEAMS

- Present:** Tracy Rowe (Chair)
Glen Thimblethorpe (Vice Chairman)
Lesley Fayers (Treasurer)
- Members:** Paul Gilbert, Joanne Mansie, Dennis Carpenter
- Also Present:** Cllr Bill Quinton, Nick Wilcox (IBC)
- Apologies:** Sue Bird (Secretary), Cllr Sarah Barber,
Hannah Canning (Suffolk Police, Safer Neighbourhood team)

1 Excluded Persons

There were no excluded persons.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were not yet available.

3 Fun Day 7th August

Action

Paul Daley from Murrayside Community Development (MCD) and IP3 Good Neighbours is arranging a fun day on the park for 7th August.

A shared stand has been allocated for Friends of Murray Park. PG, LF, DC and TR have volunteered help to man it. TR thought SB has some literature about the Friends Group that we can use.

PG agreed to upload the information sent from MCD onto our Facebook page. The event runs from 12:00 to 16:00 with setup from 10:00.

4 IBC Summer Holiday Events on the Park

It was asked if there were any activities planned for the park these holidays. NW said he didn't have the information to hand but it would be on the IBC website.

5 Any Other Business

(i) TR reported some dubious activity around the toilet block which has been reported to the parks people who passed it onto the police.

(ii) LF said the gate to the wildflower meadow has been fixed after vandals tore it off but there is no latch to keep it shut.

(iii) Cllr Barber has sent a message in to say that the IBC capital project had approved the budget for updating the toilet block.

(iv) LF Said that William Etheridge a 14 year old from Murray Road has started to water two of the newly planted trees on the north end as part of his Duke of Edinburgh bronze award.

As he was being supervised by his father NW said he would contact him to agree this would be approved by IBC.

NW

(v) LF also reported that a mature tree on the north end, Murray Road side (the one that had previously been set fire to) has a few dead branches. It also had quite a low canopy which when not in leaf was easy to walk into at eye height. NW said he will take a look.

NW

(vi) JM said that the long grass had been a problem, making it difficult to find where the dogs go to the toilet. NW said that as budgets had been cut, parks are now only being cut once a month rather than a fortnight.

(vii) DC suggested we send a thank you note to SB for all her hard work for the Friends and hope to see her soon. We all agreed to send her our good wishes.

(viii) JM said that she thought the wildflower meadow was looking very good at the moment.

- (ix) There was a general discussion about updating the play area and the possibility of fencing it off in the future.

6 Date of Next Meeting

16 September 2021 at 7pm, via Microsoft TEAMS.