



Friends of Murray Park

**Notes of meeting held at 7pm on 10 July 2018
At The Golden Hind Public House, Nacton Road,**

Present:

Officers: Sue Bird (Chair)
Lesley Fayers (Treasurer)

Members: Malcolm Ebbs Jenny Ebbs
Ian Hardwick Tracy Rowe

Councillors: None present at this meeting.

Apologies: Helen Barker Scott Falteisek (Secretary)
Joanne Chainey Jane Garnham-Woods
Paul Gilbert Cllr Bill Knowles
Cllr Sarah Barber Cllr Stephen Connelly

1. Minutes of last meeting

Meeting minutes were deemed acceptable, subject to the alteration of the venue to read The Golden Hind. The Chair expressed her thanks to Ian Hardwick for stepping in to take minutes in the absence of the Secretary who was delayed on business.

2. Excluded People

There were no excluded people.

3. Matters Arising

Action

Regarding drug dealing as noted in the previous minutes, Cllr Connelley had advised the Chair of an email address to be used to inform the police if any drug dealing is witnessed in the park. Members are asked to note this address and use it if they witness anything of this nature happening in the park.

All

IpswichEast.SNT@suffolk.pnn.police.uk

After the small working party had filled many of the holes on the park, there remained a few, and more still being dug, presumably by the same dog, and there are several other uneven areas which need attention. The Chair had contacted the Parks Department but had not received any response.

IBC

4. Updates

The promised work on the toilet block has still not been started.

IBC

Regarding changing of authorised signatories on the bank account, the Vice Chairman had visited the bank to do his bit, only to learn that the bank had destroyed the paperwork as they have a 30 day retention policy, so we have to start the process again.

**GT
SF
LF/SB (in
that order)**

A man who is known to be mentally ill has been frequenting the park on most days, and has lately been using threatening behaviour, frightening children and generally being anti-social, to the extent that people are avoiding going onto the part of the park where he is (or not going on the park at all if he is there). He is a chain smoker and constantly leaves smoking related litter around the benches or picnic area, and has also severely damaged one of the picnic tables.

Members were heartened to learn from a member who lives nearby that he has been arrested and sectioned, and hopefully will not be using the park any longer.

The old goalposts have still not been removed.

IBC

The large lump of concrete in the orchard area (North East corner) still has not been removed and the fence around that area is still incomplete.

IBC

There are unsightly weeds in both of the triangular plots and the large wild meadow area does not look as well as the group had hoped. Many of the young trees which were planted in the orchard areas have not survived the recent heatwave and members wondered if a water bowser could be provided.

The new yellow gates have been allowed to become very dirty and now look unsightly, and the gate in the toddler area has been hung the wrong way round so that children can get out easily.

IBC

4. Priorities

The matter of manhole covers was raised again, as these are now protruding quite significantly, especially the one near the narrow path at the Northern end. The Group were concerned that, with the park being open during the hours of darkness, park users could easily trip and hurt themselves. This matter has been raised previously but no remedial action has been taken.

IBC

Regarding recruitment as mentioned in the minutes of a previous meeting, two members had agreed to work together to contact toddler groups and nurseries in the area to see if any staff or parents of young children who use the park would like to join the Friends, as this group of people are not represented in the group at present. They would also be asking these establishments if there is anything that they would like to see on the park, ie equipment, events etc.

BS/TR

5. Any Other Business

The Group were asked their opinion of the new venue, and all were in agreement that the room was plenty large enough for our purposes, and of a good standard, and resolved that, at least for the remainder of the year, we continue to meet at that venue.

6. Date of next meeting

Thursday 23rd August.

Future Meetings

Tuesday 9th October (AGM)

Thursday 22nd November

All at 7pm at the Golden Hind Public House, Nacton Road, Ipswich