



Friends of Murray Park

Notes of virtual meeting held on Thursday 16th September 2021 Via Microsoft TEAMS

- Present:** Tracy Rowe (Chair)
Lesley Fayers (Treasurer)
Sue Bird (Secretary) for early part of meeting
- Members:** Denis Carpenter
- Also Present:** Cllr Sarah Barber, Cllr Bill Quinton
Hannah Canning (Suffolk Constabulary)
Max Thomas (Murrayside Community Development)
Leah Tovel (Murrayside Community Development)
- Apologies:** Malcolm and Jenny Ebbs,
Martin Cherrington (Murrayside Community Development)
Joanne Mansie, Paul Gilbert

1 Excluded Persons

There were no excluded persons.

2 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters Arising/Updates

Action

- 3.1 William Etheridge, the 14-year-old who has been watering the two new trees in the park, has now finished his three month community project for the Duke of Edinburgh Award. Cllr Barber asked for his details to be sent to her so that she could ask the Mayor to sent a certificate of appreciation to him.
- 3.2 Cllr Barber gave an update on the park toilet block. The new proposal for is for a composting one which does not need running water. DC reported that he had experience of one on Spring Road allotments and it wasn't pleasant for women to use as the seat was always wet.

After discussion it was agreed the proposal was unsatisfactory and perhaps both a women's and gents' one would be more acceptable for the park. Consultation with other interested parties especially if anyone has one in situ is ongoing.

4 Finance

The Chair said that it would be good to have some more funds to buy things like T-shirts with our logo on (PG had already said that he could possibly fund this).

Cllr Quinton said that as a Councillor he has a locality fund that he or his colleagues might be able to help out with.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 There has been a complaint about the position of the rubbish/dog waste bin so near the picnic bench. It has been agreed to reposition it. **IBC**

5.2 LF reported a length of broken fence on Murray Road side opposite number 106. Cllr Barner asked her to send the details to her and Nick Wilcox.

5.3 The broken gate to the wild flower meadow has been fixed.

5.4 MT (MCD) asked if any football teams used the park as he is looking into grass roots football for Gainsborough and Priory Heath youngsters. He was asked to email his questions to the Chair for onward transmission to Nick Wilcox at IBC.

5.5 There was some discussion on the lack of communications between various local community groups resulting in each not being aware of other's planned events. The Chair proposed that we all keep each other informed when an event is being planned.

There is a Community Impact day on Queensway on Monday 27th September. We agreed that Monday was not a good day for our groups to attend.

6 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 18th November 2021 at 7.00 pm, again via Microsoft TEAMS. This meeting will be our AGM.