



Friends of Murray Park

**Notes of meeting held on 22nd June
At Salvation Army Hall, Queens Way**

Present: Sue Bird (Chair), Scott Falteisek (Secretary), David Lynch (Treasurer), Helen Barker, Paul Gilbert, Cllr Stephen Connelly, Steve Kemp IBC, Barbara Gutowska, Stephen Wright and Joanne Chainey

Apologies: Glen Thimblethorpe (Vice Chair), Cllr Sarah Barber, Derek Blackwood, Cllr Bill Knowles, Ian Hardwick, Jane Garnham Woods, Juliet Clarke, Bev Stratton, Malcolm and Jenny Ebbs

Agenda

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Minutes of last meeting**
- 3. Updates**
- 4. Priorities**
- 5. AOB and date of next meeting**

1. Welcome

SB (Chair) welcomed everyone.

Action

2. Minutes of last meeting

Meeting minutes were deemed acceptable. The secretary apologised for the lateness of the last minutes and has stated he will get them done within two weeks of the meeting in the future.

SF

3. Updates

The following wild flowers have already established in the wildlife area:-

Purple Loosestrife, Cow Parsley, Bird's Foot Trefoil, Chamomile, Thistles, Buttercups and Mallow.

Yellow rattle seeds had been scattered but flowers are not yet visible. The group would also like to see Poppies, Cornflowers and Buddlea establish itself in the wildlife area in the future. **IBC**

Parks Department have begun work to reinstate the picnic area in the park, but not yet completed. **IBC**

The fence for the orchard area located up the north side of the park needs to be finished. **IBC**

The board on the tennis courts prohibiting dogs/muddy shoes etc needs to be replaced. **SK**

The bald patches of grass in the park should re-generate when suitable weather arrives. **SK**

A quote was given for a stone path around the whole of the park however this was deemed too expensive at over £28,000. **SK**

4. Priorities

If the goalposts are deemed unsafe we may be able to get a grant of 50% of the total costs from the FA. The Vice Chairman, Glen Thimblethorpe is looking into this at present. **GT**

We are hoping to get funding of up to £4000 from the Tesco's Bags of Help scheme. If we are successful in our bid, the funds will be used to buy the goalposts and keep fit equipment. SK showed the Group illustrations of the equipment , which will cost between £1000 - £2000 each. The equipment available includes:-

Chin Ups
Parallel Bars
Twin Balance Beam
Sit Ups
Ladder Walk

The equipment will be located up the north end of the park. A possible survey may be used to determine what equipment the park users would like to have available. **Group**

It has been suggested that a small area should be fenced off for dogs that cannot be let off their leash. The costs for this are being looked into. **SK**

There have been some gaps in the fencing noticed. The gaps are located in the middle of the fencing for the wildlife area. A small beagle could fit in this hole. The other gap is located by the toilets. **SK/IBC**

It has been suggested to bring in a consultant regarding the Doggy Fun Day which is being held in 2018. The consultant will give us some knowledge of what is needed to arrange such an event. The September meeting has been set aside for this.

Group

5 AOB

Noticeboards need updating around the park

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6. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 8th August 7pm

Future Meetings

Thursday 21st September

Tuesday 31st October

Thursday 14th December