



Friends of Murray Park

Notes of meeting held on Thursday 7th June At Salvation Army Priory Centre, Queens Way, Ipswich

Present:

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

Members: Jo Chainey Paul Gilbert

Councillors: Cllr Stephen Connelly Cllr Sarah Barber

Apologies: Malcolm Ebbs Jenny Ebbs
Ian Hardwick Tracey Rowe
Cllr Maguire

1. Minutes of last meeting

Meeting minutes were deemed acceptable.

2. Excluded People

There were no excluded people.

3. Updates

The promised building work on the toilet block had not yet started when the meeting took place.

Action

IBC

Deep holes are still appearing all over the park which is a potential trip/safety hazard. Nothing has been done about this issue. Concern was expressed that this could be more of an issue when the goalposts are installed shortly.

It was suggested that the friends could fill in the holes themselves, however there were initial concerns regarding liability should someone injure themselves on the newly filled holes.

The group were reassured by Councillors that they would not be held liable for this, therefore the three officers present at the meeting, plus Paul Gilbert volunteered to fill in the holes on Sunday 10th June.

There was some confusion as a result of the unsuitability of the venue, and while members were making arrangements to do this, Cllr Connelly emailed IBC to request topsoil, which unfortunately would not have arrived before the date arranged to fill holes.

Several park users had been attacked by a pair of crows protecting their offspring which had fallen from the nest. The chair contacted the Park Rangers, who then moved the young crow to the orchard area. Unfortunately, it was then attacked and killed by magpies.

The Chair was told afterwards this has happened often in previous years and that the baby should have been left alone. However, the safety of park users was of paramount importance and the group was of the opinion that if this happens in the future, an alternative method needs to be worked out to protect both park users and the birds.

4. Any Other Business

Bottles are being smashed in the park and drug dealing is still an issue. These issues need to be reported to the police if seen.

5. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th July, Golden Hind Public House, Nacton Road, Ipswich

Future Meetings

Thursday 23rd August

Tuesday 9th October (AGM)

Thursday 22nd November