



Friends of Murray Park

Notes of meeting held on 31st October At Salvation Army Hall, Queens Way

Present:

Sue Bird (Chair), Scott Falteisek (Secretary), Cllr Bill Knowles, Cllr Bill Quinton, Paul Gilbert, Lesley Fayers, Cllr Stephen Connelly, Bev Stratton, David Lynch (Treasurer), Barbara Gutowska, Tracey Rowe, Malcolm and Jenny Ebbs

Apologies:

Glen Thimblethorpe (Vice Chair), Stephen Wright, Jane Garnham Woods, Ian Hardwick and Helen Barker

1. Welcome

SB (Chair) welcomed everyone and commented on the encouraging number of members present, in contrast to the previous meeting.

2. Minutes of last meeting

Meeting minutes were deemed acceptable, subject to the addition of apologies received from Tracey Rowe and Malcolm and Jenny Ebbs.

3. Updates

The Tesco bid is now complete and waiting for match funding. There is underspend from the South East Committee which will be the source of match funding. Due to having additional funding from the SE committee, there will be the option of purchasing more keep fit equipment for the park. The Goals bid is also complete.

Action
GT and SB
(Chair)

The gate and stock netting has now been put in the orchard at the North East end of the park.

IBC

Littering has been raised again as an issue on the park.

The group has been made aware that the tennis court nets are being swung on like hammock and this has been seen being actively encouraged by irresponsible adults. Members were advised to call Park Patrol if they see anything like this happening in the future.

Holes will be soon be filled with some clay that IBC have left over from another job.

IBC

4. Dogs on the Park

The issue of Dog Fouling and Control have been raised again on the park. The dog fouling is happening particularly at night and members discussed whether the park should be closed at night.

Group and IBC

It has also been suggested that some of the members should log any incidents of dog fouling or poor control and then invite a member of the Parks Department to a future meeting. More effective dog patrol has been suggested as well as naming and shaming culprits.

5 Election of Officers

The election of officers took place at the AGM, the following posts were filled:

Chair: Sue Bird
Vice Chair: Glen Thimblethorpe
Treasurer: Lesley Fayers
Secretary: Scott Falteisek

The group would like to thank David Lynch for all the work he has done as previous Treasurer.

6. Priorities

Arrange a meeting with a member of the Parks Department in relation to the issue of Dogs on the Park.

SB (Chair) and IBC

Volunteers needed for monitoring of irresponsible dog owner behaviour. Any incidents to be logged and collated in a report.

SB (Chair) and Group

7 AOB

It has been suggested that a small pond should be added to the wildlife area. A future meeting will be arranged to discuss the wildlife area with someone from the parks/wildlife department.

IBC

The missing sign on tennis courts (prohibiting dogs etc) should be reinstated soon.

IBC

Where the rubber matting path has been stolen, near the new courts, it was suggested that the area be returned to grass. The area does, however, need to be levelled first.

IBC

Toilet block in poor condition.

IBC

8. Date of next meeting

Thursday 14th December

Future Meetings in 2018

Tuesday 30th January

Thursday 15th March

Tuesday 24th April

Thursday 7th June

Tuesday 10th July

Thursday 23rd August (Please note this should read 23rd, not 24th as on the original draft calendar handed out at the meeting.)

Tuesday 9th October (AGM)

Thursday 22nd November