

Minutes for Friends of Meriton Road Park Group Meeting– **Meeting held – Monday 12th June 2006**

Present:, Tracy Bratt, Bill Gerrity, Steve Greenlees, Sue Bradshaw, Tim Greenwood, Derek Myerscough ,Barry Burkhill and Sue Bidwell .

Apologies: Penny Millington, Marjorie Walker, Margaret Wood and Irina Wood.

Minutes from last meeting were accepted by all the group and passed.

Matters arising –

Play Day 2006

It will take place on **Tuesday August 1st from 1pm until 4pm.**

A name for the event has not been decided yet.

The aim of the event is to promote inclusive play for children and young adults within their local communities.

Tracy has contacted the Scouts, Guides, Handforth Tennis Club and the Jazz Band. Unfortunately the Jazz Band and Guides will not be able to attend and it is getting short notice to contact any other local groups but if anyone has any contacts do please let Tracy know.

The next meeting for the play day will be Friday 23rd June. We will be working on the details of the day at this meeting. Our involvement should be to have a stand to promote the group's work and to talk to the public.

Barry has given the date and details to the Mayor's office and we will contact them with a formal invite to the event.

Questionnaire

The questionnaires are all printed and ready for distribution. It was felt that if we give ourselves an end date for the distribution of questionnaires of **Friday 21st July** then this would allow people to work at their own time delivering.

People present offered to do specific areas as follows and other areas will be divided up between other group members and volunteers from Churches Together.

Sue – School Road and Sagars Road

Derek – Meriton Road and Hampson Crescent

Tim – Ullswater Road, Coniston drive, Windemere and Derwent Road.

Bill – Marlow Drive, Irwin Road, Wallingford Road, Ashford Close and Marina Close.

Barry and Sue - Grangeway, Clay Lane, Richmond Avenue, Campden Way, Bulkeley Road and the Willow Farm estate.

Tracy –Bridge Drive, South Acre Drive, Station Road/Dean Road, The Green and the Hallwood Road estate

Suggested areas for

Marjorie – knowle Park and Spinney Close

Margaret –Church Road, Church Terrace, Church Close, Brook Way, Brook avenue and Crossfield Road

Penny – Kingston Road, Oakmere Road, Pickmere Road, Siddington Road, Dunham Road, Sandiway Road Chelford Road and Wilmslow Road(from Roundabouts to Grange way)

Areas remaining - could Churches Together help us with some of these? –Spath lane, Plumley road, Redesmere Road,Tabley Road, Beeston Road, Hurlebote Close, Tatton road, Peover Road, Ollerton road, Christleton Way, Delamere Road, Harefield Road, Henbury road, Helsby way, Lostock Road, Delamere Road, Davenham Road and Warburton Road
Hill Drive, Woodlands Road, Hall road, Old hall Crescent, Cherington Close, Goodrington Road
Brereton Road.

Drainage

Ruth Morgan explained that the go ahead had been given to dig out and re wood chip the play area as a short term solution to the drainage issue in the play area. Barry has also been raising the issue of drainage with the council and suggested that they put a land drain in from the play area to the pond but also that a major investment would be needed for the drainage system of the whole park to be

redeveloped. He said we will need to keep this issue high on the agenda and ask Richard Doran if it can be added to the council budget for the drainage to be reinvestigated and worked upon.

Charity Status

Tim has been looking into this and has found out that the charity Commission do not need you to apply for charitable status unless you feel you can raise over £1000 per year. You can act as a charity but do not have to do any formal assessments if your group raise less than the £1000. This would be our status at first and Tim will look into setting up a bank account for our group. We will still be able to apply for grants for future projects. It will be interesting to speak to the other friends groups in September to see how they deal with their charitable/non charitable status.

Missing Benches and Bins –

Richard Doran has said that we have one dog waste bin on the way and he has applied for the other bins. He has also highlighted the missing benches issue and hopefully we may be put high on the priority list for these.

Pavilion-

Barry and Sue have worked for us to raise the issue of the pavilion and have managed to get it added to the next meeting of the Community Policy Development Committee as a verbal report.

At the meeting Last June it was highlighted as an example of borough buildings going to waste and so let's hope that at the next meeting they may wish to make it a resource worth investigating again._

A.O.B

Tracy will contact Ruth Morgan to ask for a list of useful contacts in the borough offices of people who have links to the park, e.g. Park Rangers, Maintenance etc.

Date of Next Meeting –

Monday 17th July 2006 at 7pm **in the park by the old bowling green if the weather is good** or at the Community House Knowle Park

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