

## Minutes for Friends of Meriton Road Park Group Meeting— Meeting held – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2006

**Present:** Penny Millington, Derek Myerscough, Tracy Bratt, Bill Gerrity, Sue Bradshaw, Tim Greenwood, Marjorie Walker and Elizabeth Hargreaves

**Apologies:** Margaret Wood

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

**Matters arising –**

**Letter to Mr Menlove and Conservative Committee at Tatton:-**

Steve wrote a letter on behalf of the group and it has been sent out. We are awaiting a reply from Mr Menlove and the Conservative Group Members.

**Penny's meeting re- bins :-**

Richard Doran received the last minutes and responded as follows:-

*Dog waste bins- I've spoken to the officer who deals with dog bins (Phil Brown) and as there used to be one on site which has gone, (he wasn't aware of that) he has agreed to install one bin pretty soon. We have to agree what's suitable for our servicing purposes, and as such he is suggesting on the right hand side as approaching from meriton road, basically opposite where the old one was. The issue of Dog bins in Meriton road park is on the agenda for the next meeting of the "dog working group".*

*With reference to the litter bins, I've passed the minutes to Roy lowndes as I do not know what he and Christine have talked about in relation to the bins in meriton road park.*

*The closing time for the park is currently 6.00pm., but it will extend back to a later time with longer days. Looking back to last years times, I would suggest that by Easter it'll be around 8.00 or 8.30 pm.*

**Action** -Tracy will get back to Richard about the need for more ordinary rubbish bins in the park in the future. Also we want to raise the issue of closing times because at the moment the park is definitely not being kept open until 6pm, it varies from about 4.30 -5.30pm. **We feel it is not allowing people to use the park as they would wish and therefore not helping us to promote the use of the park successfully.** There are options available if there is a need for other people to open and close the park as we have people willing to do this on a rota system.

Many thanks to Elizabeth for attending our meeting and letting us know about her role in opening and closing the park during the Summer Season.

Our plans for a Summer event have been postponed until next year due to the response from Richard :-

*We don't tend to have surplus bedding plants as we buy in what we need. We're too late this year for bulbs and trees, but Christine would be best placed to advise on these issues during summer for next autumn planting.*

This is a shame as Penny had approached Handforth Jazz Band and they were keen to take a part in an event. We will approach them again in the future.

We need to find out who in the council we should speak to regarding reserving some bulbs and trees for the Autumn planting idea involving the local school and youth groups. We discussed different trees and felt it should be native trees and that one area that would be good is on the verge opposite the playarea as they would provide shelter from the sun and also help with the drainage issue.

**Action** Marjorie has offered to research different trees and possible supplies.

Tracy will look into The Woodland trust to see if they do any schemes for tree planting.

### **Questionnaire**

We looked at the existing questionnaire and discussed changes to be made, we voted on the changes to the pavilion question and also to whether the locking the park question should be kept in the new format. Many thanks to all the group for suggestions about the new format. It will be printed on one sheet, black on yellow and spaces for multiple feedback. (please find a draft copy attached)

When we come to delivering the questionnaires we will divide up the areas for each group member to distribute.

**Action** Marjorie will ask at Marion's newsagents if we can have a returns box there. Sue will ask at the library.

Tracy will ask at the Spar and Somerfield.

### **A.O.B**

Penny suggested it would be a great idea in the Summer months to hold our meetings in the park(weather permitting) and we may be able to encourage some interest from people actually using the park. We promise not to be too raucous a crowd!!!

### **Date of Next Meeting –**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2006 at 7pm Community House Knowle Park

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