

## **Minutes for Friends of Meriton Road Park Group Meeting– Meeting held – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2008**

**Present:** Barbara Pownall, Margaret Wood, Vernon Thompson, Derek Myerscough, June Lucas and Tracy Bratt

**Apologies:** Sheila Rovira and Rob Sawyer

**Minutes from last meeting:** These were accepted as a true record of the meeting.

### **RESPECT Handforth clean up day- feedback**

It was a really successful afternoon despite the weather. 72 people, all ages turned up to help clean up various parts of Handforth.

Maragaret helped the Oasis ladies with refreshments and Vernon and Tracy joined other helpers in litter picking in the park. Despite the park looking pretty clean to begin with we collected about ten bags of rubbish! The major problem noted by those in the park was the amount of dog mess everywhere. There is a real need for another dog waste bin and more signs around the park.

Barbara also mentioned that there is no Dog Warden at the moment so who do we go to for help in this area? We will enquire at MBC again to see how we can tackle this problem with their help.

It is planned to have another Clean up Day later in the year possibly October time.

The next C.A.M meeting is Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15pm St. Mary's Church Hall

### **Feedback from meeting with Rachel Gee (Contour Housing)**

Tracy met with Rachel today to discuss the possibility of Contour helping our group in the future.

Rachel was very positive and said that Contour would be really keen to help us on our big projects, such as multi sport arena or picnic areas and they could help us with filling in application forms and any other help we might need.

In the short term they are going to provide 100 goody bags for our Play Day event and link up with the Fire service to get them to provide things for the bags also.

### **Email from Ruth Morgan**

In response to an email listing all our problems at the moment in the park Ruth sent this reply on 4<sup>th</sup> June –

*I went out to have a look with Dorian yesterday so there should definately be some action soon!  
I have asked our facilities management team to organise repairs of the tennis court fencing while Roy is looking into having maintainace gates fitted along one side so that we can get a sweeper in to clean the surface regularly. The FM team are also going to organise repairs to the pavilion.  
Dorian has the signs at the depot. They have been there for a long time but unfortunately there have just been other priorities. You should see those go up soon too.  
Dorian is arranging for the goal posts to go up behind the pond area where they used to be. We are also going to rotate the others in the other football area and reinstate the worn areas.  
I'll look into the dog bin situation for you.*

So we wait to see action on these issues.

\*Ruth sent an email yesterday 26<sup>th</sup> June to say she is leaving MBC on 4<sup>th</sup> July and taking a job at Trafford Council. This is a real loss for us as Ruth has been such an excellent help with the work of our group. I sent our thanks and good wishes to her on behalf of the group.

Our list of “outstanding job” has been passed onto Dorian and Roy Lowndes will now be our MBC contact.

### **PLAY DAY – update**

We have the Park Rangers, Lee and Richard (MBC play liason officers), Adam Young (Community Sports Officer), Wilmslow Fire Service, Community Police Officers, St John Ambulance and Vine Life Church. We have approached Churches Together, Friends of Handforth Station, The Scouts, Guides, Army Cadets, Wilmslow Lacrosse, Martial Arts Club and Salford Cycling Projects. Unfortunately The Scouts and Army Cadets cannot attend this event but wish to work with us in the future. We are awaiting to hear from the other people contacted.

Goody bags provided by Contour + items from Barclays and fruit from Shentons farm shop Lidl have been approached to see if they will provide bottles of water and juice cartons.

We discussed doing other refreshments but felt we need to keep it simple as we do not have the facilities available.

We also discussed having paying attractions eg a tombola or bran tub but again felt that we just wanted it to be a free event to encourage children into the park. We will have a donations box on our table.

Posters have been made by Richard and Lee and the MBC team, will be distributed nearer the time.

\*Gazebo's –we are still looking for any gazebos we could borrow for the afternoon\*

\*Anyone able to help on the afternoon please turn up mid day onwards.\*

### **Car Boot – 6<sup>th</sup> July any donations to be collected**

Barbara and Tracy will go to the Styal Car Boot sale on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. Any other donations just contact Tracy to collect them next week either by email [park@Handforth.net](mailto:park@Handforth.net) or on 01625 252634

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

**Building work in Handforth** -Barbara wanted people to look at the Macclesfield Council website in regards to the proposed building of housing and a centre for older people on Hall Road and near the bypass. There is an address for giving your views on the proposals.

**Group funds** – We have £67.00 in our funds after donating £42.00 for St. John Ambulance to attend the Play Day event. Salford Cycling Projects cannot attend for free this year and we are waiting to hear how much they need but we felt that we would be willing to give up to £50.00.

**Pathway to Wilmslow Grange School-** Rob had attended the meeting with MBC rep's, CCC rep's and the Headteacher of the Grange School. It all seemed very positive. This is the feedback from the meeting –

- Approval for path could be hopefully achieved through delegated powers - RD / RL to check if planning permission is required
- By laws of path state that Children's bikes can be used in the path - complaints regarding cyclists using the path would be monitored and if deemed necessary signs would be erected regarding cycle use - RD / RL to check by-laws and any legal issues
- Macc Borough would take on maintenance for path in the park if a standard speck was used for the construction
- Wilmslow Grange would take on maintenance for path inside school grounds
- The construction of the path would be undertaken by the Grounds Maintenance Team and needs to be in-keeping with existing paths in park - RJ to draw up plan and estimate
- The trees within the hedge line in the school could be an issue - RJ to speak to Macc Borough Tree officers
- Inform members of the progress of this path JM
- Source funding for scheme - JM

**How do we get more people interested in our group and people to attend the meetings?** - We will hopefully get talking to new people at the Play Day event and hand out leaflets with next meeting date on.

Barbara suggested we do some refreshments for the September meeting and promote it. This was agreed.

**Date of Next Meeting – Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2008 7pm**  
**Number 30 Knowle Park**