

## **Minutes for Friends of Meriton Road Park Group Meeting– Meeting held – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2007**

**Present:** Penny Millington, Barbara Pownall, Derek Myerscough, Tracy Bratt, , Bill Gerrity, and Ruth Morgan (our new MBC rep)

**Apologies:** Vernon Thompson, Sheila Rovira, John Pownall, June Lucas, Margaret Wood, Sue Bidwell, Barry Burkhill, Sue Bradshaw and Elaine Brooks

### **Minutes from last meeting were accepted as a true record of meeting**

#### **Matters Arising from Last meeting –**

**Holes in Fence between park and Paddock car park –** Ruth is going to look into where the council are in terms of maintaining area and where it is Emmersons responsibility. People are using it as a cut through but using it quite responsibly. We even thought it might be good to have an arched gateway there!

#### **Active Park - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007 in the afternoon from 1pm -4pm.**

It is going to be a fun afternoon and fingers crossed for good weather.

Activities and organisations who are confirmed are –

Rangers who will do craft activities, story telling and fun races.

Wilmslow Fire Service bringing the Fire engine

Handforth Tennis Club

Salford Cycling Projects

Adam Young –Community Sports worker doing a variety of activities

Other craft activities and local information displays

Barbara is going to contact Air Cadets

Penny to enquire if the jazz Band may be available

Tracy to enquire about St.John's Ambulance (We will have first aiders available on afternoon as rangers are all qualified)

**\*\*Volunteers – Can you please let Tracy know if you are free to help on the afternoon, jobs will be manning the Friends display and information table, delivering drinks to people running the activities, directing people to different areas and helping on craft activities.**

**\*\*Things needed – does anyone have a gazebo or parasols + base?, Garden chairs for activity tables, any craft bits eg stickers, paper etc, bright coloured carrier bags and large plastic bottles.**

We will be covered by MBC insurance as we are working with MBC on the event.

Tracy will contact the Mayor's secretary to see if Barry is free to come along with his chain on!

We will have notices up to say we will be taking photos during the afternoon and if anyone doesn't want their children in the photos they will have to move them from the area being photographed. We will ask Steve Greenlees if he can do some photos for us.

Please let Tracy know if anyone has managed to get any freebies or funding for the event. Many thanks to Handforth in Bloom who have offered to donate some funds to the event.

\*\*\*We are planning to do a car boot sale to raise funds but **need more donations**. Please drop them off at Tracy's house (19 Meriton Road) or phone her if they need collecting (01205 252634)

Ruth will try to arrange for the grass to be cut as close to event as is possible.

**Fundraising in the Future** – keep thinking of ideas for the future

**Play area** – The slide was taken out to allow the machinery in to do the work and now it has disappeared from the storeyard but it will be replaced by another one soon.

Ruth has also got 2 benches and bins on order for inside the playarea.

We also have bins on order for the rest of the park.

**Pavilion** - Ruth explained that Roy Lowndes has to do a report on Thursday about the pavilion and who the possible users of it might be. **If you know of any potential users for a community area such as the pavilion let us know so we can pass on the information to Ruth and Roy.** Ruth explained that the whole of Leisure Services is under review at the moment and they need to show how the community is involved and uses the facilities local to them.

The pavilion needs to have people using it and regular income for it to be a viable reburbishment project otherwise it may be offered to businesses or even demolished in the future.

**Investigating the History of the park** - This is an ongoing project.

**Open gates** - It has been decided to keep the park open except for the main Meriton Road entrance having the gate ½ closed at all times. This system will be monitored but it was felt that there have been few recent incidents reported and police are monitoring the area closely. Penny spoke to police recently in the park who explained that they would be able to work in the park if it was left open and that they had a group of people they were watching for and would move on if seen in the area.

**Bulb Planting Scheme** – we will be planning an event in October.

**Wilmslow Grange School Grounds Project** – No more news as yet.

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

**Ruth Morgan** explained that she has taken over from Richard Doran as MBC rep for our group and will be available for some meetings in the future and can be contacted inbetween with any issues.

**Knowle Green Community House** – Derek has been told they now have updated public liability cover and so we may be able to use the house again in the Autumn. We will follow this up as it was an excellent meeting place.

**Trees** – The broken trees and dangling tree branches have been highlighted to MBC and should be dealt with very soon.

**Painting gates** – Ruth has ordered the work so again it should be soon.

**Tennis Courts** - Ruth has said that the fencing will be either repaired or replaced, the work has been budgeted but not sure of when it will be done. We asked if we could have all the nets sorted out and explained the lost net is in the pavilion!

**Results of Last Year's survey** – Penny will pass on to Tracy to be distributed.

**Opening an account** – Penny said that Tim was going to set up an account for us this week.

**Grant application Course** – Many thanks to Heather Huyshe for applying for a place on this course for the 18<sup>th</sup> July. Hopefully she will get a place and then will feedback to the group.

### **Date of Next Meeting –**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in the park (in front of the pavilion)**

<p>It was great to see the park being well used tonight – people in the play area, lads playing a game of football on area in front of pavilion, children biking around and people sat chatting.</p>
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