



Friends of Meriton Road Park Group Meeting–

Meeting held – Monday 6th April 2009

Present:, Barbara Pownall, June Lucas, Margaret Wood, ,Derek Myerscough, , Sheila Rovira and Jennifer Banks.

Apologies: Liz Wilson, Vernon Thompson , Tracy Bratt and Marjorie Walker

Minutes from last meeting- Accepted as a true record. Proposed by Jenny and Seconded by Barbara.

Matters Arising –

MUGA and Tennis Courts –

This has been really excellent with lots of different children and adults using it but unfortunately Margaret has had some people come to her to complain about the noise of people using it ! The goal areas are open and there are concerns about dogs gaining access. We need a notice to say No Dogs allowed. We have had someone tell us about paint that can be used if we get graffiti on the poles.

Resurfacing – Roy has promised this will be done soon they are working on Alderley Edge park too.

Update since meeting It has now been resurfaced and looks great we just need the markings and tennis nets.

Path from park to Wilmslow Grange School-

Work has started. Liz has received a complaint over concerns there will be more noise with people using the path. School side is cut out ready for tarmac/stone edging. Liz put up notices to explain the Grangeway gate would be closed for 2 weeks.

Update since meeting It has now been finished and awaiting the gate to be put up. The school opens it and closes it at morning/hometime sessions and a lot of families using the path already.

Model Train Engineers-

Permission has been given for the temporary track to be used 28 occasions. They will trial it on the May PlayDay and the August Play Day/Sundays and Bank Holidays. We are expecting complaints but want to gain people's feedback. It will be a small train with 2 carriages. Not sure about any charges. Barbara attended a photo shoot for Advertiser and MBC with Roy Lowndes (MBC), Barry Burkhill (Councillor) and Mike Bishop (Friends of Handforth Station) and Stockport South Model Engineers.

Update since meeting The engineers have been moving their track etc into pavilion and hope to get it set up on Saturday/Sunday(2nd+3rd May) and will be giving rides from about 10-11am on Monday 4th.

Facility Survey –

Roy Lowndes wanted us to include the mini railway in our facility survey. We have had 8 returned already from the ones attached to last minutes. Roy wants the survey done as sooner rather than later. Meet at La Qila 10.30 Saturday 11th April to do surveys for an hour near the shops. If raining we'll arrange another date.

Update since meeting We were lucky to have a sunny morning and managed to get about 20+ surveys completed. Thanks to Barbara, Margaret, Jenny, June, Sheila and Tracy.

No prosecution for litter or dog mess.

MAY DAY PLAY DAY–

Tracy to do a poster – start at 3pm. Also hand out info when do surveys on Saturday. Take poster into school. Use the time on Monday 4th to do more surveys and introduce people to the train group. Just turn up, bring play things if you have any and chat to people in park.

Any Other Business –

PLAY DAY – August 6th 2pm -4pm

Tracy and John went to a meeting at Macclesfield about setting up PLAY DAY events. A Chance to talk to other friends of Park groups about their events. Next meeting with Gareth Smith on 30th April asked if anyone can attend. Jenny to check if working.

Thank you for photos taken by Sheila.

Noticeboard/Sign Post – No further update on these as yet.

Update since meeting Tracy has contacted David Thomason about finger posts for the park from main road. He said there shouldn't be any problems with this but would need to come along and check out the park etc. He felt it would be directing pedestrians as we do not have specific car parking facilities within the park. Tracy explained that there needs to be signs directing people to the Paddock shopping area, library, health centre and train station too!!! Awaiting an update on this.

Container in Park – this was to house equipment used for MUGA and resurfacing.

RESPECT Handforth – Not as good a turn out (about 20 people) for the litter pick this time. Not so well advertised with posters or leaflets. Tesco gave out free goodies. 4 People did the park. 4/5 bags of rubbish.

Update since meeting Margaret attended the RESPECT Handforth meeting and they have arranged the next clean up day for August 6th (our PLAYDAY) 12 till 2pm so hopefully get more children involved with the clean up.

Sheila took info of any people interested in our group and we will contact them.

MAYDAY PLAY DAY Monday 4th May 3pm hope to see you in the park.

Next meeting –

Monday 1st June 7pm at St. Chad's Church Lounge

Contact us on -Emails to park@handforth.net

Website - <http://handforth.net/>



Weather permitting!!!!!!!

May Day Play Day - Monday 4th May 3pm onwards

Friends of Meriton Road Park Group invite you to come along to Meriton Road Park in Handforth.

Why not bring along a picnic and some of your play things and just enjoy using the park.

The Friends the Park will be there if you have any questions about the park and also they would like you to help them plan the next improvements to the park.

What do you think ? What do we need ? More benches, more bins, different play/exercise equipment, more flowers, more activities ???? Let us know what you think and we can feed back to the council and plan our next events and major projects.

**Come along and have a ride on the mini railway
set up by Stockport South Model Engineering Society**

