



Friends of Meriton Road Park Group Meeting–

Meeting held – Monday 6th July 2009

Present:, Barbara Pownall, John Pownall, Cllr Paul Whiteley , Margaret Wood, Vernon Thompson , Tracy Bratt , Derek Myerscough, Rob Sawyer, Mike Bishop and Jennifer Banks.

Apologies: Liz Wilson, June Lucas, Miriam Bowler and Sheila Rovira

Minutes from last meeting- Accepted as a true record. Proposed by Rob and Seconded by Mike.

Matters Arising -

Concerns over late night noise and use of park in Summer months –

In the past few weeks there have been incidents in the park with teenagers making a lot of noise until very late at night 11pm onwards. The fire brigade were called out twice as the kids tried to set fire to the play area hedge and tree blossom on the ground! A local resident whose property backs directly onto the new football area has had problems of the kids trying to climb through his hedge. This has all been passed onto Liz at Cheshire East and also to PCSO Newns. The police will do more patrols in the evenings during the Summer months. Please report any incidents to the police and they will deal with them. - Police Station, Hawthorn Street, Wilmslow, SK9 5EH **Telephone: 0845 458 6374**

Email: wilmslow.npt@cheshire.pnn.police.uk

Use of Old Park Keeper's House on Meriton Road-

Cheshire East own it and it was originally built as a lodge for the park keeper. It has been empty for nearly 2 years now. Cllr Crockatt is pushing the council to do something with it and is in discussions with the Estates department. Mike did mention it had been brought up as an idea for an interim building for the Model Railway Engineers to use while waiting for a decision on the pavilion.

Stockport South Model Engineers (trains in the park) –

Cllr Whiteley explained there is a meeting on 27th July between the Engineers Group, Leisure Services and the Estates departments and they are hoping to be getting a lease and have it on very favourable terms as it would not be suitable for any other group to use but the Engineers are willing and able to make it fit for purpose.

We eagerly await the news from this meeting and once again offer our full support to the Engineers group who have been very patient in waiting for a decision on the pavilion.

We will distribute some of the posters with train times to local schools and preschools/toddler groups to further publicise the trains in the park. It was good to see the write up in the Wilmslow Express last week.

PLAY DAY plans so far –

Confirmed to attend on the 6th August 2-4pm are-

Local Police Team

Local Fire team

Cheshire East Sports Workers

Army recruitment Team with climbing wall

Stockport South Model Engineers with the steam train

Friends of Handforth Station + British Transport Police + InterRail Service team

Churches Together

*Lidl are providing water+juice and Shentons farm shop are providing fruit to give out.

Awaiting confirmation-

Handforth Scouts * Barbara to contact Andy*

St John Ambulance * John to ask about this*

Wythenshawe Wheelers

Air Cadets

Ice Cream Van

*Barbara to contact the events guide for Macclesfield to publicize our PLAY DAY event.

We will be setting up from 12 onwards. If you are available to help please come along.

If anyone has a gazebo we could use please let Tracy or Barbara know, also we need tables such as pasting tables or similar.

Goody bags – Tracy is meeting Contour housing group on Wednesday and hoping they might give goody bags like last year. Miriam has given us some things from Barclays already, Mike will check if the Rail service might have things and Rob will ask at the airport.

Anyone with items we could use do let us know.

Jennifer is going to ask Peter Herd if they might like to come and offer taster food on the afternoon and we can put their A board to promote their shop also.

Miriam and Tracy are doing the car boot on Sunday 12th July probably at Styal Holly Lane 6am onwards (!!!) We do have a lot of items already but if anyone has anything do contact Tracy. If this is rained off Jennifer explained Oakmere are having a car boot sale on Saturday 18th 2-4pm so we could try that. Money raised will go towards PLAY DAY requirements or the group fund for future events.

RESPECT COMMUNITY LITTER PICK- THURSDAY 6TH AUGUST 12-2PM –it has been planned to have the litter pick directly before the PLAYDAY event in the park to try and encourage more younger people to get involved in the litter pick and then stay on in the park too. Please support this event if you can.

School/Park Path-

This is being used well and has proved a good link through the park to Wilmslow Grange School. The official opening photograph was in last week's Wilmslow Express.

Sign posts to the park – Tracy apologised as not had time to follow up this issue from last meeting but will get on to it.

Next project – Adult exercise equipment/trim trail –We looked at some brochures and information from different companies about the adult outdoor exercise equipment. Tracy had been to East Avenue Park, Heald Green to look at their 3 pieces of equipment and had had fun testing them out with her 2 sons!!!

It was felt that this would be a great big project to work to and that we needed to get organised soon to start applying for grants once we had finalised the plans.

Mike suggested we look at the work of Groundwork Cheshire as they have worked with the Spath Lane residents on their playarea and other projects. Cllr Whiteley will follow this up and invite them to come along to the PLAYDAY event and to attend our September meeting to discuss our plans.

Liz passed on the message that Roy Lowndes said we should aim higher than getting just 3 pieces of equipment but put together a good package of equipment for the trim trail. Unfortunately the council will not have funds for this project but he thinks we should be able to get grants from places like WREN and the Airport.

Noticeboard – Liz passed on the message that she was looking at 2 quotes for the board and that she will put the order in soon and our money still be used to fund part of the board. Cllr Whiteley suggested we speak to the local police to see if they would fund a noticeboard possibly to replace the one in the Paddock. Also he suggested the Model Engineers might fund one for the Pavilion building that could display our information too.

Any Other Business –

-Rob has been to a park in Gatley and explained they have a memorial wall rather than benches and thought it might be something for the future to look at.

-Rob has put the Group down at Waitrose for their charity votes, so we await to see if we might be put forward.

-The Group funds are at present £211.00

Reporting problems in the park –Liz will bring along the proposed form to the next meeting for us to see, until then please contact her, Tracy or Barbara or report it to council directly. Tracy did pass on the problems with the drains along the path edges again as they have some without the cover again.

This needs to be attended to as someone might catch their feet in them.

Trees – is there any chance we might get some more trees in the park? Could we plan an area for trees and picnic tables perhaps? Would the trees help the drainage issue in the back field?

Open Air Booklet from the Rangers – they are doing a storytelling session in the park on Thursday 27th August 10am till 11am. We discussed the need to forward plan next years events in order to get them to the Ranger team by October/November to publicize in their booklet for next year. Cllr Whiteley explained that Contour have a newsletter which we could ask to advertise our meetings and events.

Next FOMRP meeting – Monday 3rd August 2009 7pm – This will be a short meeting to discuss the plans for the PLAY DAY event on the 6th August.

Contact us on –Emails to park@handforth.net

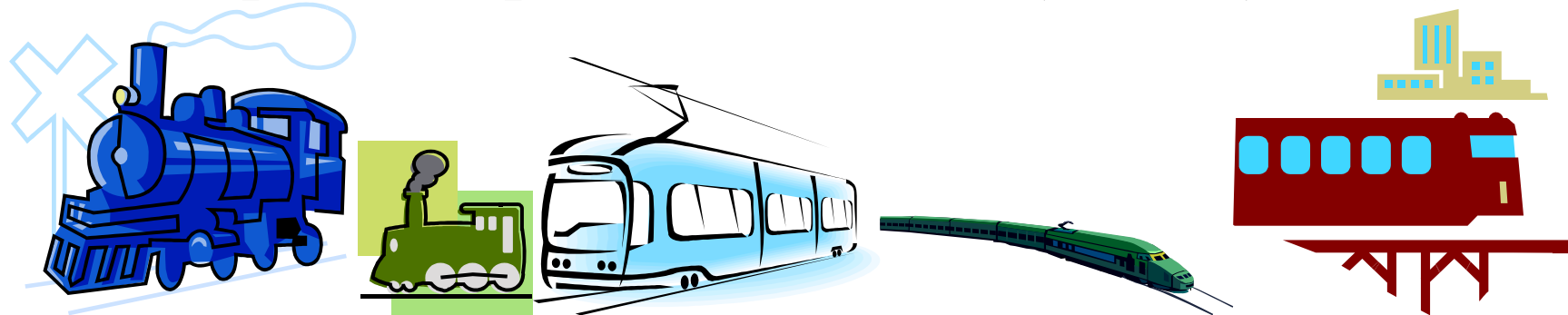
Website – <http://handforth.net/>

Mobile -07974214781

Next CAM meeting is 28th July at St Mary's Church Hall 7.15pm



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



******(weather permitting!!!)******

-from about 11am until 3.30pm-

-Sunday July 19th

-Sunday August 2nd

Thursday 6th August - National PLAYDAY afternoon event 2-4pm

-Sunday August 16th

-Bank Holiday Monday August 31st

-Sunday September 13th

-Sunday September 27th -Small charge for train ride-



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