



Friends of Meriton Road Park Group Meeting–

Meeting held – Monday 7th September 2009

Present:, Sheila Rovira, Barbara Pownall, Jennifer Banks, Liz Wilson, Tracy Bratt and Ron Dicks, David Helsby and Roland Lomax.

Apologies: June Lucas, Margaret Wood, Derek Myerscough, Rob Sawyer and Marjorie Walker.

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

Matters Arising –

PLAYDAY 2009 –

It was a great success and thank you to everyone who came along to the afternoon.

Many thanks to all those who gave their time, energy and skills to make it such a fun , community event.

We think there must have been about 400+ children and adults who came along and enjoyed meeting the following groups who were represented – Friends of Meriton Road Park, Friends of Handforth, Station, Stockport South Model Engineers Society, Wilmslow Police, Wilmslow Fire Service, St John Ambulance, British Transport Police, Army Recruitment- 1st Mercian Regiment, Wythenshawe Wheelers , Vine Life Church and Contour Housing Association.

The Scouts have said they would like to be involved next year and the Youth Centre team also.

There are some photographs from the event on the new notice board in the park.

Stockport South Model Engineering Society –

-Ron Dicks and David Helsby spoke to the group to explain where we are in regards to them gaining a lease for the use of the pavilion.

They explained there have been meetings and the lease is near to being finalised but they had some issue on it which concerned our group. The first being that it had been specified FOMRP be allowed to use the pavilion once a month and on 8 extra occasions during the year. We explained that we had not expressed this at any time and that we are very happy to continue meeting in St. Chad's as long as the church allow it and that it would be good on a few occasions during the year to use the pavilion for park events such as public planting mornings, PlayDay type events and Ranger activities but that we would do this in consultation with SSMES to check other groups did not need it first.

Once these issues and other s have been drawn up then the SSMES will put in a planning application which will take the usual 8 weeks allowing the public to be notified.

It would then hopefully allow the society to take up residence before the Winter.

-They also explained that the council had specified the need for CRB checks to done for the SSMES group. They are all very happy for this to be done but there is a charge for this procedure. They asked the council if it is policy for all voluntary group working in public spaces to be CRB checked and Cheshire East rep's were not sure and needed to check on this. The FOMRP group need to get this clarified and if we need to be CRB checked get the council to fund this procedure.

-Ron also discussed the need for disabled access and pathways to and around the pavilion. There is a need for some kind of ramp down from the disabled parking space to the pathway around the old bowling green. We agreed to this as we know that the staff and pupils from Seashell Trust School do use the park on a regular basis and their wheelchair users have to go via the path past the tennis courts to get access for the bowling green area.

Drainage in the park –

Liz has been instructed to get a quote for a drainage survey to be done for the top end of the park (bowling green, field backing onto Grangeway, the pond area and big football field not the bottom field leading to the brook) we did express concern over the rubbish in the brook and the poor drainage state of the bottom field.

-Liz also said that Roy has said the grids and pathway drains will be mended.

-We need to look into the pond area and decide what we want done and see if there are local conservation groups who would take this on as a project.

-Liz said that the little slide is on order for the play area and that we have money for 2 picnic benches, so just need to decide where they are to go.

-We are all really pleased with the **noticeboard** and will keep it updated with different information and community notices.

-Concerns over youths in the park and late night noise-

Sheila passed on her concerns about the groups of youths who are causing problems in the bottom field area of the park. They have been reported to the police and it is hoped the police will continue with their patrols of the park during the evenings.

-CCTV -

David spoke about how CCTV has been used in other parks successfully and that it might be an option for the pavilion area and the pathway area between the 2 big fields. Liz said she will ask about it at the council.

-Bulb Planting -

Liz will be in contact with us about this for this Autumn.

-Ranger events - we need to contact Brian Hallworth to see if we can have some ranger activities for the park next year.

-Next meeting we need to begin planning out the adult exercise equipment project.

Next FOMRP meeting – Monday 5th October 2009 7pm – 8pm

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