

FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD

Committee Meeting Tuesday 3rd November 2015 at East Worthing Community Centre.

1. Present and Apologies – Sarah Cutler, John Smith, Pam Bennett, George Hamilton, Jon Taylor, Cllr Roger Oakley, Tony Lelliott, Chairman of Worthing Town Football Club.
Apologies from Mo and Mike Bailey.

2. Minutes of last meeting – These were agreed and signed.

3. Any matters arising – a) Pam updated the meeting with what had been going on in the Community Garden to be called the Haven. The borders for the raised beds have been put up, the compost area is waiting to be filled, the shed is finished, the small pond has been dug out and two more keyhole beds have been marked out – brown and green wine bottles needed to edge these! A hedgehog house has been installed and a bug house will be made. Some fruit trees have been kindly donated and the area has been marked out for them. A load of top soil and a load of manure have been collected and delivered to the site and a Noticeboard should be available soon. All this has been done by Pauline Cory and her host of volunteers and we are very grateful to her for her hard work and organisation.

b) Tony explained how things were with the Tennis Courts area. All seemed to be going well with the Council and Andy Edwards and Cllr Clive Roberts were ok with the plans but recently objections have been made by a Council engineer.

Cllr Roger Oakley WSCC, will contact WBC about this. If things go ahead it should take about 8 weeks and Tony has 30 people prepared to clear the site. Floodlights and parking were an issue and were discussed but should hopefully be overcome. Thanks to Tony for the update.

c) John has not heard any more about the benches but will contact William Boyd again.

d) Pam will contact Philip Ellis of the Ilex Conservation Group to see if he could do a Tree Walk in the Park.

4. Chairman's Report – Sarah apologised for not being able to attend the last two meetings .

It was agreed that the AGM should be on Saturday 23rd January from 2.30 -3.30pm and John will book this.

Roger suggested that as well as Tony and Pauline being invited to speak, we should invite the local Councillors.

Sarah N to be asked if she would be prepared to design a poster to go up round the park and in windows etc.

5. Treasurer's Report and Membership – The balance stays the same as last month at £2454.56.

It was decided that we did not need help from the Community Initiative Fund CIF at present but if we hold an event in the summer then we need to let Roger know well in advance.

Membership stays the same.

6. Website and Facebook – These are both being kept updated.

7. Any other business – There was none.

8. Date venue and time of next meeting.

Tuesday 1st December at 7.30 in the Swan PH to discuss the AGM.