

FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD

Committee Meeting Tuesday 4th August 2015 held at East Worthing Community Centre

1. **Present and apologies** – Sarah Noll, Sarah Cutler, John Smith, Pam Bennett, George Hamilton, Andy Farwell-Cooke, Mike and Mo Bailey, Roger Oakley.

Apologies (rec'd by email) Jon Taylor.

2. **Minutes of last meeting** – These were agreed and signed after the addition in apologies of Mike and Mo Bailey.

3. **Any Matters Arising from last Minutes** – East Worthing Festival 1st August –

1. We were able to help with stewarding the Car Boot Sale which unfortunately due to another one being held on Broadwater Green the same morning was not well attended. However we had a 2 table stall and gazebo (thanks to John for borrowing this for us) with a banner bought on behalf of FoH by Sarah N and FoH balloons bought on behalf of FoH by Sarah C, which both made our presence seen. We had a Bug Hunt organised by Sarah N and George with prizes which was very popular, a raffle for a cake (baked by Sarah C and iced by her friend) and membership forms. The Festival was very well organised by the East Worthing Festival Committee and visitors poured in all afternoon. Sarah N will send a message of thanks to Joanne and Janette for letting us have a stall and hope that we can help them next year possibly with publicity also.

2. Mike and Mo Bailey apologised for not being able to help out as they had hoped due to other commitments but members thanked them for attending committee meetings and assured them that their input there was as important.

3. Further emails have been received from Tony Lelliott re the Tennis Courts and he is now doing costings to see if his ideas will be viable. It was felt that more action in this area would help to prevent any vandalism. Pauline Cory is visiting the area where they want to make a Community Garden, with two other members of her group to discuss plans to involve the community. She will keep us in touch.

4. **Chairman's Report** – Sarah N handed over her Chairmanship to Sarah C as she is leaving to have a baby but hopes to keep in touch. Sarah C only wishes to stay as Chairman on a temporary basis until the next AGM.

The Committee is very grateful for the help and work Sarah has put into the group as Chairman which she took over at short notice from Tom Wye, and wish her all the best.

5. **Treasurer's Report and Membership**

Balance last meeting was £2544.42

Income – Subs (new) £4, Donation £1, Cake raffle £32 making total income for month £37.

Outgoings- Hire of Hall for July £6.50, Banner £26.06, Balloons £34.25, Bug Hunt prizes and printing £35.05, Cake ingredients £12 making total outgoings £113.86

Cash in Bank - £2544.92, Cash In Hand £24.50, making a Total of £2467.56 (once expenses of £113.86 have been paid)

Roger Oakley suggested that we could look at the Community Initiative Fund (CIF) with help purchasing equipment but the Community Chest would be best if we need funding for Noticeboard. At present we have enough funds for this but useful to be noted for future reference. Roger Oakley would ok any request form that was appropriate adding that it was a good idea to ask for match funding where we raise half the money and make a request for the other half. He also suggested that Voluntary Action Worthing, of whom we are a member, (Pam receives bulletins and forwards them on) are useful for help with funding and finding volunteers. We should be looking for funding.

Pam agreed to be a signatory for the account and John gave her the forms to be filled in and returned to him.

We have 36 paid up members, 4 new members were signed up at the East Worthing Festival. Roger commented that with any funding request they will want to know that we have support from members so it is important to keep membership up.

6. **Website and Facebook** –Sarah N will continue to keep these going but would like any news etc to be sent to her. Plenty of people are checking us out on Facebook.

7. Any Other Business

- a) Roger Oakley said the toilets are needed at public events and if members notice that these are not available they should report it to the Events Officer, Jo Osbourne at the Town Hall.
- b) George commented that Pam had mentioned an idea that we may be able to get more benches in the park by them being paid for by the public in memory of a loved one. John will find out costs involved and Roger said it would be cheaper for them to be ordered by the Council. We may be able to get other sponsors also.
- c) Ideas from Andy for clearing up the shrubbery alongside the tennis courts were discussed. This would prevent the bushes being used as a toilet by skatepark users. Pam mentioned that there is a strong smell of urine at times when walking past this area. The use of the Tennis courts was discussed generally and it was felt that as members of the public managed to get into them to play tennis even though they are locked and not meant to be used, it was a ridiculous situation. The fencing is being climbed over or cut through at expense to the Council because the gates are permanently locked and the keys not available.
- d) John will try and get a date for the Tree Walk!

8. Date, time and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 1st September at 7.30 at East Worthing Community Centre.