

FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD
Committee Meeting Tuesday 1st August 2015 at East Worthing community Centre

1. Present and Apologies –John Smith, Pam Bennett, Mike and Mo Bailey, George Hamilton, Jon Taylor.
Apologies from Sarah who asked John to take the Chair.

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

3. Any Matters Arising - Further emails and meetings with Pauline Cory of Green Spaces who are going to make Community Garden in the gated area of the park. Pam met Pauline and Felix who works on urban community growing projects and has done a survey of the area to check on special species protection before work starts. One problem was the access over the wall from Park Road which will have to be looked at as to whether a barrier of some sort can be erected.

Tony Lelliott who is hoping to make a multi games area of the tennis courts has emailed draft proposals with a basic idea of what he has in mind. This would be done in phases and the first phase would be to get a new surface down. It has been suggested by the Committee that maybe the money ring fenced by the Council for resurfacing the skatepark (which the skatepark users have remarked to us that they are happy with as it is) could possibly be used for this. It would be up to the Council to decide on this which would be a very big improvement to the park and be used by a greater number of people. It is hoped that the increase in use will eventually deter any vandalism, drug taking etc.

Andy Edwards has asked to be kept in the loop on the progress of this.

John has been in contact with William Boyd of Parks and Foreshore at the Council about further benches for the park and apparently we may have two more next year. John has been advised to put in for match funding from the Community Chest. A bench will cost £499 if we order through the Council as we will not have to pay VAT. They will install the bench and put a plaque on to say it was sponsored by us.

John has been unable to get a date for the Tree Walk from Sussex Wildlife Trust but Pam is attending a WBC meeting on 15th and The Community Volunteers meeting on 17th where SWT may be also and will try and get something fixed. We may be able to find someone else to do this walk if SWT are too busy at the present time. Maybe Spring would be a better time.

4. Chairman's Report – As Sarah was unwell there was no report this time.

5. Treasurer's Report and Membership – Balance at last meeting was £2467.56 and there has been no further income. Outgoings were the Hire of the Hall for August's Committee Meeting - £6.50.

Cash in Bank -£2449.56, Cash in Hand - £11.50 making a Total of £2461.06.

A change in signatures for the accounts is taking time.

It was discussed whether we should charge more for membership but all agreed that it was more important to value and welcome as many members as we can. We have 36 paid up members.

WSCC Community Initiative Fund may give money for equipment, printer, PC, laminator, flyers for AGM. £500 one off payment. We need to decide what we need by next meeting.

6. Website and Facebook – nothing to report although information is being put on Facebook and we are getting 'Likes'.

7. Any Other Business – There have been one or two tents in the park but have either been removed or left after a few days.

William Boyd is sending information on the Noticeboards the Council provide and prices as F of H definitely need a decent size one.

8. Date, time and venue of next meeting.

Tuesday 6th October, 7.30pm , East Worthing Community Centre.