

FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD
Committee Meeting Tuesday 6th October 2015 at East Worthing community Centre

1. Present and Apologies –Pam Bennett, Mike and Mo Bailey, George Hamilton, Jon Taylor.

Apologies from Sarah Cutler and John Smith.

As both Sarah and John could not be at the meeting, Pam took the Chair.

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

3. Any Matters Arising - The Community Garden is set to go. Pam met with Pauline and several members of Green Spaces in the garden and there is now a code lock on the gate so that members involved can get in to help. Once things get going Pauline will let Pam know when the group will be there so that anyone else wishing to help can come along. A water tank has been installed, a small shed to hold tools and a lawn mower will be put up and a compost heap will be built. Wood and slates have been donated by someone living locally and some young lads helped carry it into the garden and are willing to help out. The wood will be used for the compost heap and for the raised beds. Wild flowers will be grown along the fence, a small pond and bog garden is being set up to encourage wild life. Pauline suggested having a BBQ sometime for those helping and maybe offering burgers to some of the skateboarders to get them interested.

No news about the Tennis Courts at present since Tony Lelliott had meeting with Clive Roberts which was quite positive and he was hoping to talk with Andy Edwards or John Mitchell from the Council.

The Tree Walk could be extended to a nature walk as well and Pam will ask Felix Driver if he would be able to do this for us in the Spring. If anyone knows of anyone else who might be able to help or can contact Tom from Sx Wildlife Trust to see if he can help (I know he is very busy) please let us know.

We have no news about a new larger noticeboard.

4. Chairman's Report – Sarah emailed saying she was sorry not be able to attend as she had to go the open evening at Davisons. She hasn't heard from Vino regarding funding for the banner but was going to suggest getting one like the one Sarah N bought for use on our stall at E.W. Festival, for railings round the playpark (with council's approval). She also wanted to set a date for the AGM in January and suggested we invite Pauline and Tony to come and talk about their plans for the park as well as an update from Andy Edwards. She suggested a Saturday afternoon so that families can come but it was thought that an AGM would not be popular for families.

She also suggested that after the December meeting we could go for a drink in either the Swan or the Corner House pub if it is open. She promised to be at the November meeting!

5. Treasurer's Report and Membership – Balance at last meeting was £2461.06 and there has been no further income. Outgoings were the Hire of the Hall for September's Committee Meeting - £6.50.

Cash in Bank -£2449.56 Cash in Hand - £5.00 making a Total of £2454.56

We still have 36 paid up members.

WSCC Community Initiative Fund neither this or the WBC Community Chest was discussed as the Treasurer was not present.

6. Website and Facebook – Sarah N is putting the Minutes on the website www.friendsofhomefieldparkworthing.co.uk and Pam is putting info on Facebook- Friends of Homefield Park.

7. Any Other Business – George to put new poster in Noticeboard.

Pam told members that Sarah N has had a little girl Phoebe Summer.

At the AGM of Worthing Voluntary Action at the Town Hall which Pam is attending, we have been asked if we would like a spot to advertise ourselves there. Pam will set this up if there is room.

8. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 3rd November, 7.30pm, East Worthing Community Centre.