

## **FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD**

Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm

At East Worthing Community Centre

**1. Present and Apologies** – Sarah Noll, Rob Sisk, Pam Bennett, John Smith, Andy Farwell-Cooke, Bob Ellis, Sarah Cutler, Cllr Roger Oakley.

Apologies – Pam Springthorpe, George Hamilton, Mike Bailey, Mo Bailey.

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

**3. Any Matters Arising** - Several young men have set up a Homeless Camp south of tennis courts and Roger Oakley gave us an update on what was happening. It was suggested that after they have gone, the area which is fenced off and gated, nobody seems to know why, could be cleared of shrubbery, fencing removed and opened up for everyone to use. This was agreed to be a good idea and should be put to the Council.

It was also mentioned whether toilets should be provided when the Fair and Circus visit the Park and Roger thought this should be the policy but to ask the Council and if not, why not?

**4. Chairman's Report** – Sarah N knows of someone happy to help if we have a Bark in the Park in May or June next year. Unleashed are also having a Fun Day and Dog Show on 10<sup>th</sup> May in aid of WADARS and it would be helpful if someone could go along to see how things were done!

The Press Release has been sent to Olie Poole at the Herald. Sarah will set up Google docs or Drop Box to store important information for us.

**5. Treasurers Report and Membership** - Balance last meeting £2579.70

Interest paid May + 21p Hire of hall March -£6.50

Cash in Bank – £2563.92, Cash in Hand - £9.49 Total £2573.41

John mentioned that it is very difficult to find a decent rate of interest for the 2K from Southern Water as most lenders are only offering 0.5% max. He had looked online and in house and most other accounts have minimum deposit of 1K to 30K and pay 1.5% online.

There are only 25 paid up members with no new members joining. We need to promote ourselves and do some fundraising. Pam to print off some membership forms to hand out at Clean Up and Treasure Hunt.

**6. Website and Facebook.** – Let Sarah N know if we have any news. The Council have had emails from people wanting to get in touch, since our Heritage Lottery bid, but have only just forwarded them!

It was decided to put the Minutes up on the Website.

**7. Any Other Business**

**1.** Sarah will do posters for Clean Up and Treasure Hunt and print 12 off for John to laminate. Pam will put up in park.

**2.** We can collect the stuff for the Clean up from Council depot in Lancing on Wednesday before. Rob and Pam to go. Meet at 9.30am for the Clean Up to start at 10am.

**3.** Pam has subscribed (free) to the Voluntary Action Worthing (VAW) bulletin for Voluntary Groups and will forward it to Sarah N. It can also be obtained online by emailing [info@worthing.org.uk](mailto:info@worthing.org.uk).

**4.** Pam will contact Peter Whish about a Tree Walk and maybe John can contact Sx Wildlife Trust also.

**8. Date, Time and Venue of next meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 7.30pm at East Worthing Community Centre.**