

FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD

Committee Meeting Tuesday 7th July 2015 held at East Worthing Community Centre

1. **Present and apologies** – Sarah Noll, Sarah Cutler, John Smith, Pam Bennett, Rob Sisk, George Hamilton, Bob Ellis, Andy Farwell-Cook, Jon Taylor, Joanna Broad, Janette Taylor, Russ Akehurst.

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

3. **Any Matters Arising from last Minutes – East Worthing Festival 1st August** -Sarah C has made enquiries about Circus Seen coming– they charge £175 and to provide a tent would be a further £75 and this was agreed not necessary.

We will have two tables- one with membership and Treasure Hunt forms and a cake which Sarah C will organise, which will be raffled at £1 a strip. Pam to print off m'ship forms, Sarah N to sort out the Treasure Hunt which George has agreed to run and to print off posters and forms.

The other stall will be for Keith Cox to use for children to suggest ideas for the community garden. Sarah N will print some maps of the garden. John will organise colouring pencils and a gazebo.

We will also help with stewarding the car boot sale and those helping need to arrive at 11.30. Setting up the stalls from 8am. Festival starts at 2pm. Sarah C to get lettering for a banner from Triston and Sarah N will organise the banner.

Tree Walk - John has been in touch with John Simpson of Sussex Wildlife Trust who suggested this to be held sometime in September. The Sx W Trust will also be having a stall at the E.W. Festival.

Park Benches – Two new ones have been placed in the park and thanks to Rob for requesting this. John suggested that we ask for sponsors for new benches and has a letter which we can hand out at Festival.

Tree Branches –Some of these have now been cut back as Rob requested.

4. **Chairman's Report** – Sarah N explained about the interest lately in the Tennis Courts and the Community Garden. Tony Lelliott, Chairman of Worthing Town FC is interested in turning the tennis courts into all weather games areas, with football training and tennis and basket ball courts available and possibly a small tennis court for young children. He would be prepared to carpet the whole area. Pam, Sarah N and Sarah C met up with him and Colm Sweet in the Tennis Courts for the discussion. He has already been in touch with Clive Roberts. Another man from Brighton wanted to set up a tennis club and Sarah N invited him to the committee meeting but he did not respond. Pauline Cory from Transition Town Worthing Greenspaces Group was at the meeting Pam attended with The Community Volunteers and she spoke with Andy Edwards who suggested an area in Homefield Park as somewhere they might be able to use south of the Tennis Courts. They had been given a grant for tools etc for another 2 spaces which had already been taken and have until the beginning of August to find somewhere else. They would be happy to leave room for a sensory garden and they would grow fruit, vegetables and herbs there that anyone could use and the possibility of a compost toilet also! The toilet would cost under £2000 and Sarah N asked John to ask S. Water if they would let us use the £2000 they had donated for this. Sarah had enquired about Breathing Spaces using this spot but they would charge £300 for the initial design. Sarah N said she would be handing over the Chairmanship to Rob at August meeting.

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

Balance last meeting was £2547.53

Income – Subs £3, Donation 1p, Interest 38p making total income for month £3.39

Outgoings- Hire of Hall for June £6.50

Cash in Bank - £2538.42, Cash In Hand £6, making a Total of £2544.42

There are 32 paid up members and John suggested that only these and other interested parties be sent the Minutes in future. Pam to mention this when she sends out the Minutes to everyone.

John said that the photos the Skipton B/S want for us to apply for a grant needed to be of things we have organised and not just of the park but said that there are other banks offering grants also.

6. Website and Facebook –Sarah N asked for any interesting information be sent to her to put on the sites.

7. Any Other Business - Russ Akehurst who is the Dog Warden for the whole of Worthing told us about his job and the problems and difficulties is catching people who do not clean up after their dogs. Two people recently in our area have been fined significant amounts for this so it is hope it might be somewhat of a deterrent. He said that the only way people can be caught is by identifying them by the community either by name or by taking photos or car registration. He cannot be everywhere! Russ was thanked for his input to the meeting. His email address to report is russell.akehurst@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Sarah C asked for another small meeting for those involved with helping at the East Worthing Festival on 21st July at 6.30 at hers -11 Sussex Road, opp The Sidney Walter Centre.

8. Date and time of next meeting – Tuesday 4th August at 7.30 at East Worthing Community Centre.