



FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD PARK
Committee Meeting Tuesday 4th July 2017 at 7.30pm
At East Worthing Community Centre

1. Present and apologies- Sarah Cutler, Pam Bennett, John Smith, George Hamilton, Mike and Mo Bailey, Rhys Spirovski, Keith Walder, William Boyd, Cllr Paul Westover, Ann Saunders, Gemma Spicer.

Apologies from – Cllr Roger Oakley, Pauline Cory, Jon Taylor, Tina (Bearded Bakers)

Everyone introduced themselves to Cllr Paul Westover.

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

3. Any Matters Arising from last Minutes

a. The sleeper benches mentioned by Keith at last meeting were agreed by William. George mentioned another bench was needed by the skatepark and William thought this could be possible.

4. Chairman's Report

5. Treasurer's Report and Membership

Balance as at 7th June 2017 - £1861.79 **Income from Subs** - £1 and donation £1 = £2 **Outgoings** –Nil
Balance at 4th July 2017 = £1863.79

John has sent in a donated seat application for a 9ft picnic bench to go on the tarmac outside the playpark. It will cost £597.

6. Website and Facebook

Gemma's husband has agreed to take on the management of the website. Pam will continue to manage our FB page.

7. Any Other Business

1) Tennis Courts -Pam, Liz, John, Peter Bates and Keith met up with Andy Edwards and Diane Guest (executive member of the Environment) to discuss the report on the refurbishment of the tennis courts before the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) meeting on 11th July. A copy of the report is filed with these Minutes.

Liz felt very strongly against any payment having to be made for the use of the courts and Peter Bates did not agree that more people will use the courts if they have to pay.

The new fencing will be erected in March or April next year but will be the same height as now.

There will be no lighting to the courts.

It is hoped that with more users of the courts that vandalism will be reduced.

Once the re-furbishment has been done, the courts could be used for basket ball, cricket etc as well as tennis.

There was a lively discussion and Paul suggested that Liz speaks to Diane Guest and consider attending the JSC meeting on 11th July to put her points across. She will have to register to speak.

- 2) George mentioned the toilets and that park users have to be directed to the hospital. It was agreed that no provision of toilets was holding back the park. Paul asked if someone could walk round the park with him as he was not familiar with it and would like to see for himself what we were talking about.
- 3) Pam mentioned about the 30 youngsters from Springfield School who visited last week and did a litter pick which Gemma, who also attended as a helper, said they really enjoyed. They also spent time building a bug hotel in the Haven with Pauline and Helen and then in the afternoon in the pouring rain under a gazebo, made pizzas and cooked them in the cob oven in the Haven.
- 4) William read out a list of upcoming events in the park including the East Worthing Festival who have put in a late application for 5th August and the Filipino Festival on 12th.
- 5) George said that he had seen a cyclist run into an elderly couple who were entering the park from the entrance near the hospital and were unaware of there being a cycle lane. It was felt that the cycle lane should be marked more clearly and a warning signage put at the entrance.

8. Date and time of next meeting –Tuesday 1st August at 7.30pm at East Worthing Community Centre.

(Rhys gave his apologies for the next meeting.)