



**Meeting of Friends of Homefield Park at East Worthing Community Centre
Tuesday 4th September 2018 at 7.30pm**

1. Present and Apologies – Sarah Cutler (Chairman) John Smith, (Treasurer) Pam Bennett, (Secretary) George Hamilton, Mike and Mo Bailey, Emma Baars, Anthony Read (Park Ranger) Cllr Jim Deen, Sue Belton (Chair Worthing Society) Peter Bates, Yvonne Leonard, Scott and Fiona O’Connell..

Apologies from Pauline Cory, Cllr Roger Oakley (by email)

Sarah thanked John for acting as Chairman and Secretary at last meeting!

2. Minutes of last meeting – Agreed and signed.

3. Any Matters Arising – Tennis courts refurbishment is going ahead as scheduled.

Gutterball – going ahead on Sunday 9th at 2pm. Mike to purchase gutter and cut in to shape and Peter to supply tennis balls.

Local Action Team (LAT) meeting was cancelled and nothing more heard from them.

Posters to go up in park about reporting anti-social behaviour or drug problems to police online or 101. People need to report as if seen to be a problem then the police will take notice.

Problems right across town with ASB, drugs and alcohol abuse. Sue, Scott and Fiona reported problems with the homeless hostel in Lyndhurst Road run by WCHP. Fiona does not feel safe now walking through Homefield Park on her way home from work in the evening.

County Lines are where drug dealers, often out of the area, connect with vulnerable young people and sometimes move into their homes (Cuckooing) to carry on their drug dealing. Impact on schools.

Local Action Team was set up to help deal with this in the park.

Anthony suggested some prickly hedging would be useful to plant up in the Autumn and would contact The Community Volunteers (TCV) and send us a list of hedging plants. Planting to be decided at next meeting.

4. Treasurers Report and Membership – Balance at 1st August - £1842.50

Income (Subs) £4 **Outgoings** £6.90 (Room rent) Balance at 3rd September £1839.60

5. Website and Facebook – Pam and Sam Baars keeping updated.

6. Any Other Business

a. Delete the word Committee from Agenda and Minutes.

b. Decision on new Chairman to be discussed at next meeting.

7. Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Tuesday 2nd October at 7.30pm at EWCC.