



FRIENDS OF HOMEFIELD PARK
Committee Meeting 7th August 2018 at 7.30pm
At East Worthing Community Centre

1. **Present and apologies** –John Smith (Chair), Emma Baars, Mike and Mo Bailey, Peter Bates, Pauline Cory, George Hamilton, & Keith Walder (Park Ranger).

Apologies from Sarah Cutler & Pam Bennett.

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

3. **Any Matters Arising from last Minutes**

- a. Keith reported that work on the tennis courts had started on Monday 6th August.
- b. It was felt by those attending that any monies received from the EWF should be used immediately.
- c. Where to store the gazebo was discussed and Pauline agreed that it could be housed in the Haven shed provided there was room. Emma and John volunteered their services should Pauline wish to 'sort out' the shed.

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

Balance at 2nd July - £1849.40 **Income** Nil = £0.00, **Outgoings** £6.90 (Room rent) = £6.90

Balance at 1st August - £1842.50

The treasurer has yet to receive any information of those who joined at the community picnic
All those present at meeting received a detailed report.

Emma is to send the Treasurer a list of those who joined or showed an interest at the picnic along with a welcoming letter.

5. **Website and Facebook**

Sam is happy to carry on looking after the website provided he has someone to assist him.

6. **Events**

- a. The idea of an event to mark the opening of the new tennis courts was discussed, Keith stated that there would not be a grand opening until April 2019 which would be organised by the council.
- b. Mike drew the meeting's attention to a game he saw on 'Country File' called gutterball and thought it was something that could be organised for an event in the park. The meeting agreed and that it should be organised for Sunday 9th September, Mike agreed to investigate the cost of material etc and Emma agreed to publicise.

7. **Any Other Business**

a. Mo and Mike gave a report of the Local Action Team meeting they attended at the Town hall. Pauline showed an interest in attending future meetings as it seemed to be focusing on exactly the type of concerns she had expressed in the past i.e. drugs and antisocial behaviour in the park. The next meeting was to be held on Thursday 9th August in the Town Hall starting at 14:00 and Pauline agreed to attend.

- b. Keith informed the meeting that the council had fitted a new backboard to the basketball net. Peter drew attention to the fact that the nearest venue for basketball training was in Brighton.
- c. Peter was rather concerned that there were no changing or toilet facilities planned for the new tennis courts.
- d. Emma passed on that Boris wanted to create seating for his franchise. They would be made from old pallets and would be used rather than the present plastic chairs. Keith said that the seating should not be placed directly in front of the main gate as this would impede the vehicular entrance, he suggested the area adjacent to the Chesswood road wall where the old toilet block was once housed. Emma agreed to contact Boris and steer him in the right direction with the council.
- e. Inviting the 'Good Gym' project to use the park was discussed and Keith and Emma agreed to contact the organisers, but a suitable theme would be needed for them to undertake.

8. Date time and venue of next meeting

Tuesday 4th September at 7.30pm at East Worthing Community Association.