



**Meeting of Friends of Homefield Park at East Worthing Community Centre
Tuesday 2nd October 2018 at 7.30pm**

1. Present and Apologies – Sarah Cutler (Chairman) John Smith, (Treasurer) Pam Bennett, (Secretary), Mike and Mo Bailey, Yvonne Leonard, Scot and Leonia O’Connell, Ed Gilroy. Cllr Roger Oakley Apologies from Pauline Cory, George Hamilton, Sue Belton (Chair Worthing Society) Dan Ross (Parks and Foreshore manager) Keith Walder, Anthony Read, Sam Brooke.

2. Minutes of last meeting – Agreed and signed.

3. Any Matters Arising

1. Pam asked if deleting the word ‘Committee’ from our meetings would cause any problems with future funding but it was agreed that it would not be affected.
2. It was hoped that Emma would be able to let us know about the informal meeting with LAT she attended, however Roger said there were worse parks than Homefield for anti-social behaviour and drink and drug taking/dealing. There is local disquiet re the homeless hostel in Lyndhurst Road. Any suspicious or anti-social behaviour should be reported to the police and easier to do online than trying to get through by phone. Yvonne added that people should report what they see. Reports are added up and if a significant amount then the police will become involved. Dan Ross (by email) said he would attend the next LAT meeting to discuss a co-ordinated response to anti- social behaviour. Alan Howard Jones from the East Worthing Committee has invited Pam to attend the neighbourhood meeting at EWCC at 6.30 on 23rd October to discuss the problems with councillors, the police and WCHP.
3. Dan is happy for the prickly shrubs/hedging planting to go ahead and TCV need to know our requirements. Planting would be good along the Park Road wall both sides of the Tower Road entrance, to include The Haven wall.

4. Treasurers Report and Membership – Balance at 3rd Sept - £1839.60

Outgoings £6.90 (Room rent) Guttering etc for game £24.19 Balance at 1st October - £1808.51
We are happy to report that Jo from East Worthing Festival will be joining us once the shop is sold. She will bring a lot of expertise after her many years organising the East Worthing Festival.

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

6. Any Other Business

- a) The Gutterball afternoon on 9th Sept was great fun although there weren’t many members of the public taking part. However around 10 members of FoHP and some children took part and managed to roll the ball along the gutter for the width of Homefield Park! We will definitely be repeating this now we know how! Sam will be putting photos of the event on the Noticeboard.
- b) Rob Sisk suggested another park clean up and it was decided to have one and a Haloween Hunt on Sunday 4th November at 10am. Roger suggested asking the Council for high vis jackets with our logo on for this and for future clean ups and events. Sarah to ask Emma re outdoor table tennis table.

- c) Dan emailed that the tennis courts refurbishment should be completed early/mid November. There will be remote access booking system and a dedicated website for booking linked to the Council website. They will be working with the Lawn Tennis Assoc on developing coaching programme and an opening event in due course.
- d) Sarah had an email from Sam Brooke who is a trainee journalist and would like any news from us, or if we have something we want to say we can contact him. He would send them to local publications. He has been invited to attend our meetings. We have his email address if anyone would like to contact him.
- e) A water leak near the Skate park has been reported to Dan Ross and it will be repaired after it has been used by contractors working on the tennis courts just now.
- f) Email from Adur and Worthing Green Spaces Partnership was received and they are looking at achieving insurance to cover all their groups. Pam has provided contact information requested. They are also organising training after the Awards for All Lottery funding and are open to suggestions for training needs. Anyone interested in the Brooklands Park launch of the masterplan on October 11th at the Richmond Room at the Town Hall between 6pm to 7.15pm and from 7.45pm to 9pm. Free parking at Town Hall car park.
- g) Sarah had wanted to discuss who would be prepared to take on the Chairmanship at the AGM in January but as some prospective members were not present she would contact them herself.
- h) Pam agreed to attend the East Worthing Community Centre AGM on Tuesday 20th November.

7. Date, Time and Venue of next meeting

Tuesday 6th November at 7.30pm at EWCC.