

**FRIENDS OF ALKINCOATS PARK
MEETING**

**5th October 2015
At Colne Town Hall**

Present:

Colin Bailey
John Birchenough (Chair)
Audrey Broughton
David Clamp
Patricia Clamp
Cllr David Clegg
Glenda Clegg
Julie Hibbert (PBC)
Lee Johnson (PBC)
Brenda Maylor
Colette McInerney
Janet Myers
Marie Oakley
Carol Riley
Kieron Roberts (PBC) – Item 8 onwards
Daryl Wright
Jane Wright

1. Apologies

Donald Mitchell, Liz Kayley, Marion Snowden and Marie Jackson.

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July 2015

Accepted as a correct record of the meeting.

3. Matters Arising

Up and Active

It was thought that on the whole this had been successful with a number of activities being carried out in both Victoria Park and Alkincoats Park. The Welly Walks at Alkincoats Park had been well attended and it was envisaged that more of these would be arranged in the future. A Fungi Foraging activity was planned for 17th October at Alkincoats Park. This would be carried out by North West Bushcraft with the help of the Park Keepers.

Bees Needs Award

To continue making positive changes to encourage and increase bees and other insects into the park, an interpretation board with a built-in bug hotel would be installed in Alkincoats Park ready for next spring.

Horse Rider Access

The signage and markers were in place. Janet Myers expressed thanks to Kieron Roberts for meeting her on site and for sorting out the steps to enable horse riders to mount their horses more easily after going through the gates.

Orchard Trees

Over the autumn/winter there would be some pruning work to the trees and the grass surrounding them would be cut back.

Volunteer Day

The volunteer day on 5th September had gone well. Work had been carried out tidying the herb beds. Volunteer hours had been recorded.

Anti-Social Behaviour

The bowling green area was on the PCSO tasking list and the situation was being monitored. Lee Johnson confirmed that some anti-vandal paint had been ordered for the pavilion roof.

Mayor's Tour of the Parks

This had been very successful. The Mayor of Pendle had written to each friends group chairman to express his thanks for all the work that the friends group carry out and to say that he looked forward to inviting everyone to a Civic Reception later on in his mayoral year.

4. Herb Beds - Signage

A generic sign would be installed relating to the herb beds. The provision of leaflets giving more information regarding the herbs planted would also be looked into.

5. Greens Cafe

The Council intended to put out an open advertisement inviting expressions of interest in running the café.

6. Bowls Pavilion/Academy

After a very successful spring and summer the Philip Wright Crown Green Bowling Academy announced that they would close for the winter. 2,370 people had attended the academy (not just at

Alkincoats) in 2015. In recognition of their hard work the academy had won a 2BR Pride of Pendle Award. The academy thanked the Council for their support and the friends group applauded the academy for their determination and success.

7. Relocation of Picnic Tables

Two tables had already been placed at the side of pavilion. A decision would be made regarding the location of the other two at the January friends group meeting.

8. Compost Area

A compost area would be located in Alkincoats Park behind the park lodge. There would be 3 bays that would be shielded with hedging. The compost area could be used by the bowling academy and the friends group but the Council would manage it.

9. Any Other Business

a) The Good Life Project

Neighbourhood Services had been contacted by a Development Worker at The Good Life Project which is a therapeutic horticultural programme run by Pendle Leisure Trust and funded by the Big Lottery – Reaching Communities Programme. It was envisaged that the ‘Good Lifers’ would get involved with the compost area and also looking after the herb beds.

b) Dog Bin

It was reported that the dog bin near the children’s playground had come off its post.

10. Date and Time of Next Meeting

18th January 2015 at 7.00pm