

**FRIENDS OF ALKINCOATS PARK
MEETING**

**24th October 2016
At Colne Town Hall**

Present:

Joan Bannister
Audrey Broughton (Chair)
David Clamp
Patricia Clamp
Steve Clamp
Cllr David Clegg
Glenda Clegg
Eileen Eve
Cllr Margaret Foxley
Julie Hibbert (PBC)
Beryl Horrocks
Marie Jackson
Brenda Maylor
Carol Riley
Mary Thomas
Jane Wright

1. Apologies

Donald Mitchell, Marie Oakley, Colette McInerney, Daryl Wright,
Vicky Wright and Janet Myers.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Approved as a correct record.

3. Matters Arising

Compost Area

Members of the Bowling Academy stated that this had been agreed between Council Officers and themselves some time ago and they were keen to know why it had not progressed any further. It was explained that there were plans to pursue this over the winter months.

Pavilion Cafe

The café had reopened on 21 May. Beryl and Eileen, the two people that ran the café were present at the meeting. They said that they really enjoyed being there. Everyone had made them feel welcome. They had been overwhelmed by the support of the Friends Group and they couldn't thank everyone enough. Hopefully there would be enough trade to enable them to open during the winter months. With the prospect of an extension to the café early next year it was envisaged that things would go from strength to strength.

4. Election of Secretary

Following the 18th July meeting Marie Oakley had volunteered to take on this role. The committee was now as follows:

Chairman - Audrey Broughton
Vice Chairman – David Clamp
Treasurer – Marie Jackson
Parks Forum Rep – Audrey Broughton
Secretary – Marie Oakley

5. Park Keeper

Marcus Orrell (Tel: 07791 090347) was the new park keeper working in the parks alongside Liz Kayley. The group felt that Marcus was very keen and very good at his job. They had found that they could contact him directly to get certain things done without having to go through the office.

6. Vandalism, Restorative Justice, Cllr Foxley

CCTV had helped to identify someone that had been causing nuisance to the pavilion and surrounding area. This matter had been passed to the Police and was currently being dealt with.

7. Green Flag

The group felt very proud that they had once again raised the flag at a small ceremony on 7th August. It was thought that things were good at the park. The park was really well used. In general most people picked up after their dogs; it was just the minority that didn't and the park was looking very clean and tidy. It was remarked that the person that had been working in the park carrying out litter picking and removal of rubbish was doing a superb job. Areas that had sometimes been overlooked in the past were looking clean and tidy. The children's playground looked good. It was remarked that with the

café and toilets being open and the bowling greens being brought back into use the park now felt complete.

8. Mayor's Visit

The Mayor's visit to the park on 25th August had gone really well. The Mayor had said that she loved Alkincoats Park. She had been very complimentary about the work that the Friends group put in and the commitment shown. The Mayor had also said that she would love to be invited back at a later date.

9. Shrubs and Shrub Beds

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10. Any Other Business

Pendle Parks Forum

The next meeting was to be held at 10:30am on 28th October at Nelson Town Hall. The Portfolio holder for Parks and PBC's Corporate Director would explain the Council's approach to the possible transfer of parks and recreation grounds to town and parish councils, the present position regarding discussions with those councils and the next steps. All Friends had been invited to attend to give their views and to ask questions.

Play in the Park

Mary Thomas explained that Colne Town Council working in conjunction with Sacred Heart Church was looking at staging a play in the park. This would possibly be in April next year on a Sunday afternoon. Volunteers would be needed to help.

Bowling Academy

The academy advised everyone that they had had a fantastic year with 30 -70 people of all ages attending on Saturday mornings. Everything had worked well. The bowls team had also done quite well in the league. It was now the end of the season. The greens had been scarified 20 times and then re-seeded. An enhanced level of dressing had been obtained due to funding allocated from Colne and District Committee's Capital Programme. Work had now started on the final corner. 2,000 daffodil bulbs had been planted.

The academy said that the Council had agreed to provide a noticeboard that could be used jointly by themselves and the café. They asked for this to be actioned.

Bird Seed

Brenda Maylor asked for £10.00 for bird seed and this was granted.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

16 January 2017 at 7.00pm.