

FRIENDS OF ALKINCOATS PARK

MEETING

APRIL 3RD 2017

At Pavilion Cafe

Present

M. Oakley
Audrey Broughton
David Clegg
Glenda Clegg
Joan Bannister
Marie Jackson
Brenda Maylor
David Clamp
Beryl Horrocks
Christine King
Daryl Wright
Julie Hibbert PBC
Colette McInerney

Apologies

Eileen Guff
Carol Riley
Pat Wright
Stephen Clamp

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Correction:- Pic nic in the Park is on Sunday May 21st, not May 25th as stated in Minutes.

Minutes then approved as a correct record.

Matters Arising

The sculptures in the Park will be treated with preservative paint once the weather improves.

The compost heap has now been finished apart from a concrete path which will be constructed shortly. It was commented that the heaps will need more than grass cuttings to make a satisfactory compost

The Volunteer Day didn't happen due to bad weather. However, David has been systematically digging up the brambles around the children's playground and is planning to continue to do so. He commented that much of the hedge is now falling apart due to the way they were trimmed last year. He also drew attention to the fact that much of the area around the playground is very boggy and largely unusable.

Donations

A grand total of £3,000 has been donated to the Park and Bowling Greens by various councillors. Members are to consider the best use of this windfall and to bring ideas to the next meeting. Various ideas have already been discussed such as the possibility of a part time paid gardener, the repainting of Park benches or a paid litter picker.

On the subject of litter, Christine has offered to do this on a voluntary basis

Pic Nic Table

This was repaired having suffered fire damage and replaced, only to be fire damaged a second time. It has been decided to remove and repair the table and put it back outside the café.

BT

The Friends have asked Colne Town Council if the phone line to the café can be reinstated. There have been various quotes as to the cost of this and Kieron is to investigate the most cost effective way to proceed. It is then hoped that recordings from the CCTV cameras can be accessed on our phones, laptops etc. It is also hoped that we can have four cameras around the bowling green area. Initially these may be dummies but the hope is to get them working.

Mayors Fund Raising

This will take place on April 29th from 10am to 4pm. There are to be various stalls and bowling matches. All donations to go to The Mayor's Fund which includes Pendle Dogs in Need as well as some funds going to the Bowling Academy.

Work Days

There are to be two Work Days:- April 11th and April 13th. Volunteers to meet at 10am at the Car park. Lee and Marcus are to work on the path through the Copse and volunteers can help them, or work on brambles or help with the removal of sediment from under benches near the flower beds.

Any Other Business

Bat Night is on Wednesday May 31st. More details later

Fencing Around Tennis Courts needs to be repaired and loose wire removed. David complained that the tarmac path around the bowling greens was already beginning to deteriorate.

The new Mayor commissioned a short film about the work being done by Friends groups but no-one knew about it . However it had been discussed at The Parks Forum. The film is to show to people who may then like to donate to this work. David told us that all the privet hedging has survived! He also asked that Bowling times of opening and matches should be included on the list of events in the Park. The Bowling Academy officially opens on April15th but David is happy for children to use the greens during the school holiday if they wish to do so.

It was suggested that , in future, we could put up posters advertising our meetings in the new venue of The Pavilion café. Hopefully this would attract new members.

Mayor's Murder/Mystery Night April 22nd from 7-9pm at The Café. Proceeds in aid of McMillan cancer Fund

Ernest Bundy Bowling Competition June 18th from mid-day.

Passion Walk April 9th from 2pm to meet at car park

The Bowling Academy have put in for a grant for machinery for seeding the new Green and also to construct a ramp for the disabled. We are now in The Craven Bowling League and are rumoured to have the best Greens in Lancashire!

Date of Next Meeting:- July 17th at 7pm at Pavilion Café.