

**FRIENDS OF ALKINCOATS PARK**  
**MEETING ON MONDAY JULY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AT 7PM AT PAVILION CAFÉ**

**PRESENT**

Glenda Clegg

David Clegg

Christine King

Marie Jackson

Eileen Guf

Brenda Maylor

Jane Wright

Pat Clamp

Julie Hibbert (PBC)

Audrey Broughton

**APOLOGIES**

M Oakley

J Bannister

D Clamp

B Horrocks

D Wright

C. McInerney

C Riley

S Clamp

**MINUTES PREVIOUS MEETING**

A correction was made re donations from councillors which was in fact £1,500 NOT £3,000. The minutes were then passed as being accurate.

**MATTERS ARISING**

It was commented that the sculptures in the park had still not been treated with preservative as was initially requested last year. Nor had the picnic table near the

walled garden been repaired as promised. Nor had the fencing around the tennis courts been repaired.

It was reported that the Bat Night had been very successful with about 20 people attending.

We were told that talks with BT were still ongoing.

### **VANDALISM**

It was reported that vandals who smashed on of the pic nic tables outside the café had been caught and identified on CCTV. A meeting with the Restorative Justice Group was to be arranged regarding this matter. Some trees at the back of the tennis courts have had the supporting straps removed and one tree has been uprooted.

### **SPENDING OF MONEY**

It was agreed that money could be spent on repainting the park benches.

### **MAYOR'S FUND RAISER**

Brenda, Marie Jackson and Audrey had a stall selling hand made goods and bric a brac and raised £45. Many thanks to them.

### **DRAINAGE**

Waste from the new housing development at the back of White Grove will be diverted from the site, across the Bridle Path, down the park, and back across onto White Grove. This is because the drain in Harrison Drive is not big enough to cope with extra waste from the new houses. The Bridle path will be made good once the work is finished.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **COLNE IN BLOOM**

The judges were very impressed with the Bowling Greens and surrounding area. Tea and scones were provided by the café and the visit went very well.

### **MAYOR'S VISIT**

The Mayor, Councillor David Whalley and the Mayoress Barbara Whalley will visit Alkincoats Park on August 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am. Members are invited to join them on the tour of the park.

### **HERB BEDS**

Eileen and Beryl kindly offered to take over the upkeep of the herb beds. Audrey will contact MarcusG about this.

### **GREEN FLAG**

Victoria Park will receive their Green flag Award at 10.30am on July 21<sup>st</sup>. Marie Jackson kindly offered to go to represent Alkincoats Group.

## **SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

The following events are planned:- KITE FLYING JULY 24<sup>TH</sup> 1PM – 3PM  
BUG HUNT AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> Details are displayed on posters in the park.

## **TENNIS COURTS**

Old nets are to be replaced by bright yellow metal ones.

## **WELL DONE.**

It was commented that the bowling green group, Eileen, Beryl and litter pickers were all doing a sterling job. THANK YOU

## **CHILD SAFETY CONCERNS**

It was reported that four men have been sleeping on benches in the bandstand area. They have been drinking outside the café and being generally abusive. This is to be reported to the police to try to get them removed ASAP before the children start the summer holidays.

## **MUGA**

We were told that the MUGA (multi use games area) from the all weather pitch on Vivary Way could be re sited in the park. The group voted Yes to this suggestion.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** OCT 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 at 7pm at PAVILION CAFÉ>