

FRIENDS OF ALKINCOATS PARK
GENERAL MEETING ON MONDAY MAY 20TH
AT 7PM AT PAVILION CAFÉ

APOLOGIES

Vanessa Hothersall, David Clamp, Stephen Clamp, Daryl Wright, Mary and Howard Thomas, David and Barbara Whalley

PRESENT

Marie Oakley, Colette McNerney, Carol Riley, June Pryor, Marie Jackson, Brenda Maylor, David Clegg, Glenda Clegg, Pat Clamp, Eileen Eve, Audrey Broughton

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING. These were passed.

MATTERS ARISING

From now on there will be no park representative present at our meetings. After September problems will be reported to CTC or to Leroy. Until September we still report to Kieron.

The present maintenance contract will end in September and will then be put out to tender.

The AWG decided last week that one member should represent the Friends group. Audrey agreed to continue in this position

On June 22nd the group will have a stall at the Birtwistle Centre Summer Fayre. All contributions and volunteers to help will be welcome.

CAFÉ NEWS

Eileen reported that everything was in place for the birthday party on Sat Next, May 25th which will run from 10am to 4pm. The new Mayor and Mayoress will be present. Hopefully there will be an article in The Colne Times and on Capital radio. Money raised will go to The Bowling Academy and Pendle Dogs in Need. The café itself is extremely busy and has scored 50, five stars on Trip Advisor.

BOWLING ACADEMY

There was no report as David was bowling but Pat reported that the academy just keeps growing with a large number of schools wanting to take part.

THE ROUND HOUSE.

Audrey asked for money to be spent on painting the Round House. This was agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS.

It was suggested that the 2 benches behind the walled garden be moved into the park. Marie to ask Kieron about the re siting.

It was reported that netting along the top side of the tennis courts was being vandalised and needed repairing.

It was also noted that the paths through the wild flower meadow were not being mowed

Kieron now has the two litter bins which had been asked for ready to be installed when the MUGA is in situ.

The café sign is also ready to be installed.

Ivan is no longer our PC. We now have PC Dave Cleal, phone, 07966 577144 and PCSO Ailsa Gill, phone 07866 977520.

There is to be Tai Chi on July 21st from 1.30 to 2.30pm in the bandstand area. All are welcome.

The judging for Britain in Bloom will be on July 11th

The suggested plan for the MUGA was turned down by planning and now is to go on the end tennis court. Hopefully there will be an additional hard playing area for younger children on the grassed football pitch and also this area is to be drained

Kieron reports that the benches will be repainted within the next month

Various ideas were explored re the spending of money. A sculpture trail was suggested and a fairy trail was a possibility.

Members were asked to suggest ideas for applying for the Skipton Building Society Grass Roots Giving grant of £500. Ideas to be sent to Audrey ASAP.

We were told that the wild flower meadow was to be made much smaller as at present it was unmanageable.

The group were asked to think of projects for the next meeting with a view to getting sponsorship to help fund them.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

August 12th.