

FRIENDS OF POULTON AND PULFORD COMMUNITY PARK

MINUTES – JAN 20

- (1) Members attending – Dave, Jane, Pat, Jan, Simon, Jean, Kate, Nick, Glenys
- (2) Apologies – Peter
- (3) The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, proposed by Glenys, seconded by Jean.
- (4) Chairman's report – Dave said that his report would be discussed in the main body of the meeting.
- (5) Financial report – In Peter's absence Dave read a prepared statement from Peter which was virtually unchanged since the last meeting.

Peter is to be asked to consult with Barry (Parish Council) about the present situation of the ringfenced money.

- (6) Secretary's report. Kate had nothing to report.

- (7) Safety officer's report -

7.1) Following reports that the Hip Hop (whirligig) seemed loose and potentially unsafe, Simon has ordered new parts and Jean has contacted Andy

Holland from Groundworks Northwest with a view to him repairing and checking the safety of this equipment. He will liaise with Dave who will have received the parts prior to this.

- (8) Onward going structural projects within the park.

The logistics of the paved area at the gate were discussed in the last meeting. This work has been delayed until after the installation of the Captain Tom Trail.

(8.2) Simon reported that the contractor intends to have the CTT installed and checked by the first week in March. Prior to this at an arranged date

Dave and Simon will walk the site with the contractor to discuss the best place to install the equipment. Two city councillors, Mark Williams and Stuart Parker have pledged some money towards costs and it was suggested that they should be invited to the 'grand opening'.

- (9) Working party/ Assessment walk around Sunday 10th October

The chairman and committee thanked Glenys for organising and supervising the remedial work in the park that was identified as being beyond the capabilities of the committee

(9.2) The PC have agreed that grass cutting will be done on a weekly basis in the growing season. Weed spraying will be done 4 times a year. Spraying the paths with a solution of soda crystals would help to eliminate the moss.

Nick and Jan volunteered to undertake this task.

Progress Report

(9.3) All the remedial work has been carried out. Enquiries to be made of the PC concerning funding. The funding for this work was from the money held in trust by the parish council that belongs to the Poulton and Pulford park.

(10) Transfer of safety officer.

Simon has not yet been able to contact John McKinnie. Jan will make enquiries about his availability to be contacted to consider filling this position.

(11) Future events within the park.

(i) An idea has been proposed and welcomed that, although initially held in the Village Hall, families with children come together to make bird boxes. Dave to cut wood and prepare materials to make the boxes. The completed boxes be installed in the park/around the village. Families would be encouraged to sign up for the activity at the proposed summer event (see below)

(ii) Summer event previously agreed be held on June 19th. Various suggestions for the type of event were suggested. A traditional village fete was favoured with stalls, games and races, refreshments and the brass band. Jobs were tentatively allocated :-

(iii) Peter to be asked to be MC for the event

Glenys, Jan, Pat - pims and refreshments (ask Joyce Spenser)

Nick – tombola

Jane – creche activities, childrens table games (to be discussed)

Kate, Janet R – plants

????? – boules, skittles ?

Gary (Straight Mile) goal for football game?

Simon and Jean to think about games, races etc and to have a rough plan as to how these would be organised.

Notices to be displayed asap announcing event so people keep the date free.

Ascertain that the village hall has been kept free on June 19th for car parking, toilets and (god forbid) bad weather.

AOB Glenys suggested that we replace the choisyas which have died due to unsuitable growing conditions. She suggested planting the bed with Dogwood – Midwinter Fire which have been successful in another bed. Also extra euonymus' are needed. The committee agreed to this suggestion.

We plan to reinstate the boules evening to start fortnightly at 7pm on May 4th. The idea of the first one being a competition with teams from different roads was suggested.

The committee has been approached concerning a suitability of the park for the planting of a platinum jubilee tree. The majority of the committee rejected this proposal. Dave,

as chairman, will contact the chairman of the parish council to inform him of the committee's decision.

Date of next meeting THURSDAY, 24 FEB.