

Friends of Poulton and Pulford Community Park

Minutes of meeting 24th Feb 2022

(1) Members attending -Dave Roberts, Kate Fairhurst, Pat Shore, Simon Pryce, Jan West, Jan Yeoward, Jean Ewins, Glenys Evans, Nick Franklin plus Margaret Fay (guest)
– Poulton rep

(2)Apologies received – Peter Gosmore

(3)Minutes of the last meeting adopted and approved, proposed by Glenys, seconded by Pat.

(4)Chairman's Report

(4:1) The revolving see-saw in the park. The problem has been resolved by Dave and John McKimmie with the kit identified by Simon. Bearings were replaced and an overall service of the equipment carried out.

(4:2) Simon carried out an inspection or the work

(4:3) Large branch of a conifer in the garden of a house adjacent to the park was broken in the gales and is now lying in the park. Glenys has been in touch with outside contractors to deal with this, and to sort out the hedge.

(5)Financial report

There was very little to report, £99.12 had been withdrawn to pay for the new bearing. Barry Evans will be ask to audit our finances.

(6)Secretary's report.

Kate has contacted to brass band to see if the date for the June event might (should it be desirable because of the date conflicting with Father's Day) be changed to the 26th June. They would be able to do this.

(7)Safety officer's report

A design fault with the rotating see-saw was identified during repairs and rectified by by Dave and John. This equipment to be checked regularly.

(8)Onward going structural projects within the park.

(8:1)Paved access area in front of the main gate. John is employing a contractor to do similar work for himself, he is going to ask him for an estimate for our project.

(8:2) Following a site meeting in the park with the suppliers of the Captain Tom equipment it will be installed next week, 3 larger pieces behind the goalposts at the far end and 2 smaller pieces by the woodland fence.

The committee thanked Simon for his work in undertaking the Captain Tom project.

(9)Transfer of safety officer.

The Parish Council organise its own independent safety inspection via an outside contract. John Mckimmie will share the duties with Simon of carrying out our routine inspections.

The committee thanked Simon for being safety officer since the park was opened.

Ways of paying for the training course needed by John were discussed. Meanwhile John is Simon's apprentice.

(10) Event within the park 19th June 2022

(10:1) Suggestions for activities and who will take control of the activity.

Bird Box stall – Bird boxes will be provided, children sponsor a box with monies collected for RSPB. Children paint small name plaques then choose a site for the box. These then put into trees on the day. DAVE

Races - Margaret to take responsibility and organise with the help of Sandra from Poulton. She will be allowed a budget of £100 to buy necessary equipment. Jan to explore the possibility of painting 4 lanes for the races. Adult activities to be decided.

Sedentary activities for children – (These could be used in the VH if the weather is wet) Suggestions needed apart from colouring activities. (Margaret offered to make suggestions) ?????

Boules – Games explained and supervised (Maybe include skittles) NICK

Refreshments – Pimms and a few beers – JEAN and JAN
plus Elderflower cordial – KATE
Money handling for these collected by PAT (for hygiene purposes)

Cakes and light refreshments – hopefully from donations and home baking. GLENYS and KATE (perhaps JOYCE SPENSER). Other suggestions could include “pie and a pint” for dads, chocolate coated strawberries.

Chocolate tombola – If weather is hot chocolate kept in cool boxes. (SIMON and MANDY?)

Suggestion – Stocks or pillory which Dave volunteered to make if someone could store.

(10:2I) In the event of bad weather a scaled down event would be held in the VH.

(10:3) A decision concerning this to be reached the day before.

Date for the next meeting – WEDNESDAY 20th APRIL

