

FRIENDS OF POULTON AND PULFORD COMMUNITY PARK

Minutes of extraordinary meeting held in the park on 06.08 20

Purpose – to discuss funds and extra additions in the Park in particular planting

Those attending – Simon, Peter, Kate, Jan, Pat, Glenys
Jean, Dave (ex-committee)

Apologies – Jane

Pat and Glenys were welcomed as official members of the committee.

-The minutes relating to the maintenance of the Park were read and discussed.

The upright logs had fungus and needed action. It was suggested that the people who installed the equipment should be contacted to see if we have any come-back. If not they could be replaced with boulders and/or the offending ones removed. No definite decision was made.

We should proceed with the tegulars for the entrance which have already been agreed by The Parish Council. Dave Roberts was asked if he was prepared to take charge of this as he was involved in the initiative. A formal letter will be sent to Dave confirming that the committee agree to him taking this on. (Kate)

A page advertising the Park and its events should be put on Facebook. Peter to do this.

FINANCE clarified. More money was raised when making the Park than was actually spent and so the extra, some £10,000 was kept by the Parish Council and ringfenced to be used in the future for the Park. When spending, a buffer of £3,000 is kept for unexpected expenditure and leaving £7,000 for maintenance, the entrance tegulars and other extras eg teenage equipment, PA system. It is estimated that the tegulars will cost approx £3,000.

GARDENING

Bulbs. It was decided that both mounds at the far end of The Park should remain and that Matt the gardener, who already strims these areas should continue to do so. The front mound should be planted with large groups of bulbs which flower at different times of the year so as to provide an impact. These are in addition to the patch of daffodils. Matt will trim appropriately as each patch dies down. Matt will plant 1000? bulbs which will be purchased by Glenys and Jean.

Shrubs. These will be planted on the back mound (which will include some sandstone boulders to the right provided free of charge by Matt). Although these would be planted by Matt it was felt that professional help is needed in the choice and siting of these shrubs. Glenys and Jean will visit Moray's to ask advice, and then report back to the committee at the next meeting in three week' time. There is some urgency as this work needs to be done early Autumn.

Trees. These are a Parish Council initiative to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day. It is proposed to plant a variegated Acer “Drummondii” in the gap near to the small park gate in Pulford Court and a row of five trees Carpinus “Fastigiata”, smallish hornbeams by the picket fence between the refuse bin and the metal fence end where the grass verge gets wider. A letter will be given to Sue Cadwalladr, who is associated with the housing association owners of the small car park and drive to ask for any comments concerning this.

During fundraising for the park The Grosvenor Garden Centre promised 2 trees as a donation. At the time this was not taken up as it was felt that there were enough trees. However if this offer is still valid and can be altered to shrubs instead of trees it would now be welcome. This to be explored by Glenys and Jean

Matt has agreed with the PC that he will spray weeds on the boules court, goal mouth area etc for £100 all in.

OTHER IDEAS FOR IMPROVEMENTS

Plaques on seats are becoming illegible. Dave to remove these, and he and Jean will go to go to the supplier to sort this out.

Seats and benches need treating with preservative..Dave to acquire the necessary equipment and arrangements made for members of the committee to do this. (Perhaps on a fine evening)

Distance markings are going to be painted around the track to add interest for walkers, runners, young children etc. This will be undertaken by the committee and associates.

The stop signs painted on exiting the Park are wearing thin. These to be overpainted by the committee.

Some keep fit equipment for teenagers to be investigated and costed for discussion at a later date.

AOB

Weather permitting we will have a Boules Evening for the committee and friends on Tuesday 11th Aug at 6.30

Next meeting Sept 3rd, VILLAGE HALL 7pm