

# FRIENDS OF POULTON AND PULFORD COMMUNITY PARK

## MINUTES OF MEETING – TUESDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>th</sup> 2023

### **Purpose - to recap & plan for the year ahead.**

1/Committee members present – NICK FRANKLIN (chairman), Peter Gosmore (treasurer), Kate Fairhurst (secretary), Jean Ewins, Jan West, Pat Shore, Simon Pryce, Jane Yeoward, Glenys Evans.

2/ Apologies – Howard Tipping, Phil White

3/ Previous minutes adopted - proposed by Peter, seconded by Jane.

4/ Financial report – current bank balance is £1872.58

4/1 Barrie Evans, clerk to the PC, reported there are £3584.76 'ringfenced funds' available to the park committee, plus £4647.55 remaining s106 funds. Simon pointed out that the s106 money which is available until 2030, can only be used to improve play facilities in the park for children under 12.

6/Safety officer's report – the park was inspected 4.1.23 and there were no issues.

7/ Chair's report

- a/ In or around Aug 2026 the initial 10 years' plan will expire and revert to the PC.
- b/ The new constitution from Nov 2022 has been adopted and signed.
- c/ A new Friends WhatsApp group has been set up solely for use by the committee.
- d/ Vandalism in the park needs to be monitored. Nick will paint over the graffiti on the bin near to the entrance. Signs on the double gates have been cleaned and the board at the side of the pedestrian gate mended.
- e/ Monitor dog fouling in the park and consider locking the gate from dusk to dawn if deemed necessary (Nick). Jane, who inspects the park regularly to be issued with a marker spray.
- f/ The frequency of gardening is generally satisfactory, strimming could be improved. One tree at the far end may be dying, it needs to be regularly checked for signs of life.
- g/ No plans as yet for future planting.
- h/ Nick should be added as a signatory to the NatWest account although Peter will consider opening a new account with Santander.
- i/ Jean's list of ideas to consider for the planned Coronation event were circulated at the meeting which should stimulate ideas for the planning meeting scheduled for FEB 21<sup>st</sup> Please retain planning sheet which also has observations concerning last year's Christmas Tree event.
- j/ Ideas for making more use of the park were discussed. - regular dates for the boules evening, perhaps establish a walking group, walking football, rounders games, more organised use of the fitness trail.
- k/ The missing defibrillator sign from the park notice board needs to be chased up. Peter volunteered to do this.
- l/ The direction signs to the park from Highways on the B5445 have been chased up. Ryan O'Rourke (CWAC highways technician) has the matter in hand.
- m/ Yellow painted stop signs by the gate need to be redone. Acquiring stencils of the correct size could be a problem. This carried forward to the next full meeting on Tuesday April 18th

AOB/ Glenys suggested that a sandpit could be popular & preferably one that could be covered. Nick will look into this further.

Simon provided a copy of the Park's asset register, this will now be updated & held by the secretary.

**\*Next meeting: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February, solely to plan for KCIII Coronation party\***