

## MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF MEADOW PARK COMMITTEE MEETING

8<sup>th</sup> March 2017

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Marie Males.

Present: Ann, Kev, Andy, Alan, Mel, Neil, Brenda, Andrew, Ian, Eric, Ian, John, Trevor.

2) Minutes of the FMPC Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 were ratified.

### 3) MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES PLUS DEVELOPMENTS:

Meet Your Village (Ann)

This is a **village initiative taking place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> of April from 10am to noon**. Brenda has already organised us some space and printed some photos and information to be displayed. Ann Kevin and Mel plan to be present at the event, but the more the merrier!. Plans for the event include a handout on Meadow Park including work party dates, and selling of the flower and view packs. Brenda has also ordered a proper book for the Arboretum sponsorship. Although Brenda was happy to pay for this herself, it was agreed that Andy would re-imburse this via our funds.

**NEXT STEPS – Kevin, Ann, Brenda and Mel to liaise on the event in April. (note – Ann , Brenda and Kevin met on the 20<sup>th</sup> of April and are now prepared for this)**

Arboretum: (Andy) Labels were put up by Andrew, there were 2 that had fallen off and also one was damaged.

**NEXT STEPS – Andrew to re-do the damaged one.**

Forest School Update: (Ann) – Forest School have been having fun making twig sculptures and also made willow wands for selling to raise school funds. No extra logs are being placed by the log circle as they are likely to be taken. The large log may be left down there.

**NEXT STEPS – No current actions planned.**

Willow Bed Extension: (Andy and John) – John felt that the only way to progress this area was to prepare the land by using a tractor to plough lines through and then to rotovate. However it was felt that this would create too much mess as the tractor could get bogged down. We could look now to progress this in the Autumn, but the feeling is that the Parish Council will not agree to anything that is too disruptive.

**NEXT STEPS – Put back progressing this to late Summer and then review again. Update – the pile of earth created by the original turf stripping has now been levelled by the work party in April.**

Facebook: (Mel and Ian) – Ian to carry on hosting Facebook, but will pass this on at some stage.

**NEXT STEPS – Kev and Mel to enter more information and pictures onto our Facebook page if possible this year.**

Publicity: (Brenda) – Mollie has passed on information for Brenda to use on newsletters etc. Trevor also to send old Secretary information to Brenda. Brenda to have these kept with Mollie's information as archives in the Parish Office. Brenda to pass information onto Ian who will scan it. The intent is to potentially in the long run to get the information saved electronically on the new website if possible.

**NEXT STEPS – Brenda to liaise with Ian and Trevor to progress this (not urgent however).**

East Leake Village Website: (Brenda) – The new website is now up and running.

**NEXT STEPS – Brenda to see if we can get Meadow Park to be more obvious (easier to find) on the main menu. Brenda will also put key Meadow Park dates on the new website once she is trained how to use it.**

British Gypsum Update: (Ann) – Ann has been trying to get BG more involved, particularly in the form of a formal commitment. It appears that BG will only come along when we are doing something, so it appears that we need to give them advance notice of mid week activities.

**NEXT STEPS – All to discuss further out our next meeting.**

Hedgerow / Shrubs Update: (Andy) – Neil cleared an area where the saplings can be planted along Bateman Road. **Update – a mid week work party made a good start with planting and mulch mats and rabbit guards were put on.**

**NEXT STEPS – Andy and Neil to review additional planting required and when the rabbit guards on existing saplings can be removed.**

Severn Trent Sewerage Update: (Alan) – Concern was expressed as to effluent discharges into the brook, particularly as the size of the village grows.

**NEXT STEPS – Alan to continue following up with Nigel Brailsford (Note this has now been arranged for the 8<sup>th</sup> of May).**

Guides: (Ann) – The Guides have kindly supplied us with 2 bat boxes.

**NEXT STEPS - Kev and Andy to look for suitable trees to locate the boxes.**

Butterfly Walk: (Kev)

**NEXT STEPS – Kev to decide on a date in July and communicate it to Gordon Dyne (Notts Wildlife Trust). This has been confirmed as July the 8<sup>th</sup> at 1.30pm from the mill stone/ sculpture entrance.**

New Seat (Mel) – Mel has raised £104 towards a new bench, this has been passed on to Andy.

**NEXT STEPS – Andy to look at whether we could also get some Meadow Park collection pots produced.**

Meadow Park Logo : (Brenda) – A new tree design was put forward that we all agreed to use. Ian suggested that it would be good to involve the local schools to design a new logo. We agreed that this was a good idea and we would need to revisit this as it would be good for community spirit.

**NEXT STEPS – Carry this forward as an agenda item (Kev)**

#### **4) FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

The CO-OP is running a scheme whereby local groups can apply for funding for projects. We could use this to fund the new willow bed extension. We should all also think about what we would like to put to Paul Phillips for funding after April

**NEXT STEPS – All to bring thoughts on this to our next meeting.**

The idea of life membership was mentioned by Alan

**NEXT STEPS – Carry forward to be discussed further.**

#### **5) TREASURERS REPORT (Andy)**

##### **FRIENDS OF MEADOW PARK** **TREASURERS REPORT – STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT 6/3/17**

Many thanks again for the membership of FMP, and the wider village community for being generous with their subscriptions and donations over the last two months.

The balance in the account at the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2016 was £1275.68

This is split between: General Funds	£681.68
and Arboretum Sponsorship	£594

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNT

### CREDIT

Initial Balance in Bank	£1275.68
Membership Subscriptions [total to date]	£488
Arboretum Sponsorship	£115
[Including a wonderful donation of £50 from the 2 <sup>nd</sup> East Leake Beaver Colony]	
Sale of Notelets	£58
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£2311.68</b>

### DEBIT

No Payments made in the last 2 months

**TOTAL**      **£783.47**

Balance as at 6/3/17 : Total	£1528.21
General Funds	£1231.21
Arboretum Sponsorship	£297

Outstanding items for payment over the next few weeks:  
Purchase of weed control matting for Bateman project £35  
Purchase of Willow sets and matting for new area - TBC

Andy Denker [Treasurer] 6/3/17

### 6) ACTIVITIES UPDATE (Andy)

#### ACTIVITY DAYS – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

SCHEDULED – JANUARY - Hedge laying Bateman adj Arboretum + cutting back of Dogwood, cutting back of border adj sculpture, litter picking 32 HRS Total.

SCHEDULED –FEBRUARY - Hedge laying Bateman adj Arboretum + cutting back of copse. Litter picking. 24 HRS Total.

UNSCHEDULED – JANUARY AND FEBRUARY - Arboretum tree survey, liaise with Forest School and cut willow, hedgelaying Bateman fd adj Arboretum, planting along above hedge and bee world, arrange brash adj to Bateman Rd path for RBC chipper. 40 HRS Total.

### 8) NEXT ACTIVITY DAYS

May 13<sup>th</sup> – TBC

### 9) FUTURE MEETING

Wednesday May 3rd.