

HETHERSETT MEMORIAL P F TRUST

Monday 26th September

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Those present at the Queens Head:-

Simon Floyd, David Chambers, Eileen Mulvaney, Mel Perkins, Peter Hoult, Rob Reeve

Apologies: Peter Steward

Antisocial Behaviour

It was noted that anti-social behaviour had been very much reduced over the summer months

A small amount of debris was cleared up from the play area by Kane Matthews who identified the perpetrators. Thanks to him for that

The car park barrier is now being operated, currently by Kane. New coded padlocks will replace the ones currently being used. Padlock code will be distributed to trusted personnel only by email this week

A small amount of antisocial behaviour has been noted recently by local residents. The main problem again being the playing of football on the car park at night. The trustees may need to agree on a suitable sign discouraging this. In the meantime Peter H has agreed to approach the offenders together with Mr Matthews with a view to involving them in the role of deciding on the type of recreational facilities that we may be able to supply in due course. This action may help to encourage them to respect local residents' worries and help themselves become involved in satisfying some of their needs on the park

Path lighting problem was brought up at the parish council meeting and it was deemed that a number of issues and costs involved with turning off the lights at 10pm will necessitate a deeper discussion at the next meeting on 17th October – backed up by police support letter and residents' feedback poll

Maintenance and Checks

Rob and Peter H are continuing to log the weekly park and play area checks and results kept in a database report for future scrutiny

A letter was received from SNDC indicating that there were likely to be delays in emptying the recycling banks. The situation will be closely monitored as part of the weekly checks

A number of necessary tasks involving park maintenance were completed this month:-

- Repair of climbing net on old multiplay unit
- Scrub area in front of Woodbine paddock cleared to prevent unseemly behaviour occurring
- Damaged bench in play area has been removed and main items stored for re-use
- Damaged waste bin removed from bowls/speedway corner
- Barrier between car park and pavilion has been made easier to secure including using a catenary chain to replace the old damaged metal gate
- Junior swing seats and chains have been completely renewed

- Unsafe fencing behind recycling bins has been partly removed
- Damaged timber from double seesaw has been removed and will be replenished very soon

Three new rubbish bins have now arrived and Peter/Rob will liaise with Tony D with plans for siting them

H.E.A.T. have ordered tree saplings of their considered choice to plant in November in positions to be decided by the trustees before the next meeting

Pavilion apron repair to include disabled access ramp will be effected over the next month. Quotes are impending

Norse are looking after the grass and hedge maintenance for the rest of this year. This will include fortnightly cuts of the park until end of October followed by a deep tine spike. There will be one more cut and strim of the boundaries and all boundary hedge tops and sides will be cut as the berries disappear later in the autumn. An application of specialist herbicide will be used to treat perennial weeds on the main playing areas only

Treasurers Report

David C explained the treasurers report and discussed the balance

Cheques were written for Anne Dixon and Peter H for August invoices and ancillary equipment

It was proposed to raise an invoice for the football club to cover the period April 2010 to May 2011 (14 months). Mel P declared an interest but abstained

It was proposed also to raise an invoice for the speedway club to cover the period Jan 2011 to Dec 2011. Mel P and David C declared an interest but abstained

The bowls club are in credit with their deposit paid and will be credited with the balance

Trustees discussed the principle of calculating future rental fees on the basis of their usage of HMPF facilities. Mel P and David C abstained

Tenancy agreements

Simon contacted playing field solicitors (free) to clear up issues regarding 20 year tenure for the clubs currently using the park

Speedway agreement will be reviewed with regard to security of tenure based on club needs and solicitor's advice

Veolia Grant for play equipment Phase II

Peter H and Rob, having met site agents from Proludic, Adventure Playgrounds, Kompan and Playdale set out the various quotes for play equipment offered by each company

The trustees agreed that the final choice would very much reflect total 'play value', visual/environmental impact, guarantees offered, long term maintenance needs, disabled usage and particularly of course, 'value for money'!

Input from parents, teachers and children from Woodside Infant School indicates that their main wish list simply includes as high a slide as is practicable for the 4 – 10 yr age target, together with a decent roundabout – also preferring a fence surrounding this area to keep dogs from fouling within

Two companies, Kompan and Adventure Playgrounds appear to offer most of the required qualities

Peter H and Rob will make further site visits to neighbouring play schemes in order to assess the relative values of each

Companies will be approached this week with a view to providing as much as possible for the grant money on offer – bearing in mind that the metal surrounding fence must be included in this figure

Trustees and Woodside will be fully consulted before a final decision. They are keen to get the work started before the 'dead' season of grass growth is upon us

Rob has prepared a 'Statement of Access' to be forwarded to Veolia and they will be kept in the picture throughout the next few weeks as the grant application is being handled by all parties

Future projects and planning

Simon and Eileen have involved the HMPFT in a 'Green Spaces' awareness project. The first 'Green Spaces' public meeting will be held at Woodside school on Thursday 3rd November. Simon produced a list of possible future usage and events capable of being introduced to involve the public in the Memorial Park

This Green Spaces meeting will provide a springboard for the initiation of the first and successive events on the park in 2012

AOB

The trustees agreed to remove the antisocial behaviour signs which were placed on the park as they were deemed to be unwelcoming

Mel P and David C thanked the committee for their support during the recent national speedway championships held on the park

The old HMPFT website will be identified by special forces and vapourised

Date of next meeting

Monday 24th October, 7.30pm at the Queens Head