

HETHERSETT MEMORIAL P F TRUST

Monday 30th April 2012

MINUTES

Present

Those present at the Queen's Head:-

Simon Floyd, Mel Perkins, David Chambers, Eileen Mulvaney, Peter Hoult, Rob Reeve, Neighbourhood Officer Nigel Bailey, PCSO Oliver Butcher.

Minutes of the last meeting were approved

Apologies. Peter Steward

Antisocial Behaviour

- There have been recent problems with youths climbing on to the blue container near the pavilion and causing distress to the families living close by. It was decided to purchase some anti climb paint that will be applied to the roof of the container. Associated warning signs will also need to be purchased and fixed to the container
- There have been recent incidents of graffiti being applied to the flat surfaces of the panels on the new play bus. Offensive material has been removed and the trustees will need to persist in removing graffiti soon after it has been applied. Nigel and Oliver suggested that the trust supply and fix a notice on the play area fencing advising that the play equipment be used only by persons 14 years and under. It is thought that the perpetrators are around 14/15 yrs old as expected. Simon will approach the school with a view to promoting the upcoming fayre, provision of a shelter for this age group, and a request for the graffiti problem to be made aware to the 'students'
- The trustees would like to proceed with some urgency in applying for a grant in order to provide a suitable shelter for use by young adults
- The trustees agreed to approach the parish council with a view to having timers fitted to the two lights overlooking the car park. These timers are expected to cost £80 each. The trustees agreed that the control of the lighting timing and costs involved with any changes could be shared with the parish council on a 50/50 basis.
- PCSO Oliver Butcher is arranging to use the pavilion on a regular basis in order to hold surgeries which may be visited by any residents concerned about antisocial behaviour in the village. He will arrange all the promotion and will be able to have a key cut for his own use. Peter Steward will also publicise on the village website and Simon will inform the parish council. It is expected that this initiative will be in operation in a couple of weeks
- Oliver also wished for the trustees to inform the local park neighbours that they may ring 101 to report any antisocial behaviour

Maintenance and Checks

- Trustees are very pleased with the park maintenance contractors, Norse. Our thanks will be offered to them particularly in view of the recent inclement weather. Norse will use a spare key so that they may cut the grass within the play area
- The wild flower area has been planted out by H.E.A.T. and is flourishing in the rain. All newly planted trees are in leaf bud
- The barrier between the car park and the pavilion is still a concern for regular users who have to lock it up. Mel will investigate the possibility of using the old gate (apparently stored in the football kit container) that connected Woodcote with the field. If it is still suitable the trustees will attend to having it installed as soon as possible

- There is an issue with the areas around the entrance gates to the play area due to the recent wet weather. It is thought that it will be necessary to install artificial matting in these areas to prevent slippage.
- Peter H and Rob will make a list of essential and desired maintenance tasks which will need to be completed during the summer. Simon will supply a number of names from the 'Friends of the Field' volunteers who may wish to undertake these jobs. Otherwise these tasks will be allotted to local tradesmen.
- The signs provided by Veolia and Geoffrey Watling Trust will be installed within the play area
- There has been recent waterlogging close to the pavilion, but on the whole the field has drained well. Clubs who need to drive on the field in front of the pavilion should be mindful of any damage caused

Treasurer's Report and Finance

- Anne Dixon has presented an invoice for payment to cover litter picking in April
- Invoices were presented to the treasurer covering Norse park maintenance instalment #1, and also to Uttings Insurance Brokers, Hingham that covers the new public liability insurance
- We are awaiting advice from the administrators of Adventure Playgrounds with regard to the outstanding invoice that we need to settle up for the provision of the new play equipment

Tenancy agreements

No issues

Play Equipment

No issues reported other than the graffiti previously mentioned and the muddy entrances

Future projects and planning

- Simon will establish a date for the first meeting of the 'Friends of the Field' – perhaps a week or two after the Olympic weekend
- Rob will contact Peter Murrell with regard to viewing the plans drawn up for a new pavilion planned a couple of years ago
- Nigel will ask about the possibility of removing the popular but troublesome mini recycling centre
- Nigel Bailey agreed to send a grant form link, so that the trustees may apply for funding which will go towards providing a teen shelter
- Peter H and Rob will cost the provision of further bench seating on the field

Traditional Jubilee Fayre

Regular updates will be sent to the trustees regarding the organisation of the fayre. The organising sub-committee meet on 2nd May and will issue minutes accordingly

AOB

Peter H suggested that there is interest shown in amalgamating future Olympic weekends together with future 'fayres' in order to pool resources and reduce costs to both parties

Date of next meeting

Monday 11th June, 7.30pm at the pavilion!