

## Friend of Newbridge Park meeting notes 2/12/2022

### Present:

Andy Tapper (Chair)  
Tony Stott (Treasurer)  
Lorinda Skipper (Secretary)  
Sue Leichi  
Mary Parke (Membership)  
Joyce Lancaster  
Andrew Cobb

### Apologies:

Anne Marie Rose

The notes from the last meeting were agreed.

### Actions from last meeting:

Tony has submitted the risk assessment  
Oiling of benches - still outstanding and carried forward.  
The bulb planting has taken place  
Andy has printed stick on labels showing return address to be attached to the membership form. (These were distributed in the meeting)  
Tony has received confirmation that the risk assessment and constitution had been accepted.

### Facebook/website

We were unclear whether a membership form could be added to facebook. However Andy will meet with Gary who is helping develop the website and this will have the membership form for people to download. Andrew suggested adding a motto or strap-line.

Our facebook page is now linked on the BANES website. Due to financial regulations it has been decided not to have a donation facility but the bank details will be added.

Tony has been speaking to Laura the current facebook admin. She is looking to hand this over to the group and is willing to give a teach-in. Mary and her husband, Joyce, Andy and Tony all expressed an interest in meeting with Laura to learn more about what was entailed. A meeting with Laura will be arranged.

### Fencing

Andy, Tony and Lorinda have visited some of the local parks to see what types of fencing were in use. Andy showed photo's that he had taken. It was agreed the looped type of fencing would be suitable but would need to be of sufficient height (6 foot?). Andy has already sent photo's to Paul Pearce of the chosen fencing. Paul has replied by email to say it is hoped to get funding allocated when the new financial year starts but tendering for the work will take some time so realistically this will not take place until some months later.

This is disappointing as the recent discussion with Parks was that this work would progress over the Winter. Andy has not been back to Paul about this as yet.

#### Active Weston

Tony attended their latest meeting. The group are moving things forward at pace. Tony has exchanged emails with Peter Hayward regarding our relationship with Active Weston. The group have been invited to take up Associate membership.

Everyone was in strong agreement that we would remain a separate entity from the Weston Group but would benefit from receiving updates of their progress.

#### Finances

Tony reported that the bank balance remains at £70.

#### Membership

Lorinda proposed that we should have a drive to increase the number of members.

Lorinda and Mary have discussed having a couple of sessions at the park to ask regular users to become members and complete the forms then and there. They would leave membership forms attached to the gates inviting people to complete and return them. Lorinda also suggested that everyone present should think of three people that they knew locally and get them to sign up.

She has also prepared a sheet to be sent to the email group and put on facebook, encouraging people to join. She will send this wording to the group for comment.

Everyone was happy with these suggestions

#### Dogs in the play area

This happens occasionally but there is a particular offender who takes his three dogs into the area. Tony has followed this up with Parks and they have placed "No dogs" signs on the gates but these are still being ignored. Parks do not look to follow up on these incidents. We are at liberty to approach anyone ignoring the signs and try to dissuade them.

Tony and Andy are happy to be called if this happens again to provide moral support.

#### Actions:

Tony will forward Peter Haywards email regarding Associate membership to everyone

Andy will produce a sheet with bank detail for donations to be handed out with the membership forms.

Everyone will photocopy the membership form and look to recruit at least three people.

Mary and Lorinda will approach people using the park and look to complete forms on the day.

Mary and Lorinda will leave forms on the gates asking people to take one and return it.

Lorinda will send out the form of words for facebook and the email group to everyone for comment. When agreed she will email and post these on facebook.

Andy and Tony will liaise with Mary, Joyce and Laura to arrange a training session.

Andy will raise the fencing timescale with Paul Pearce.

Date of next meeting: Friday 10th February 10.30am The Locksbrook.