

Manor Fields Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 11 August 2016

Present

Angela Fookes, Peter Passmore, Dennis Hooper, Chris Hill, Karen Czernik, Liz Foster, Brendon Weager, Beverley Riley and Lee Shaw.

Apologies were received from Adam Barnes.

The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.

Risk Assessment

The meeting commenced with all members making a physical inspection of the fields to assess risks, accompanied by our tree consultant, Jamie Shortland. Several trees were found to need attention. Lee will arrange a meeting with Jamie and Ruth Baker to agree what needs to be done.

It was also noted that

- a. The bat box on the tree in the north field is coming loose.
- b. A lot of brambles on the boundary with Old Road need tackling by DCC when they next cut the borders.
- c. A small tree at the bottom of the south field needs moving as it is becoming waterlogged.
- d. The notice-board and the gates need a coat of Sadolin. Dennis agreed to ask his neighbour if we could use his water supply and electricity to wash them down before painting. A work party will be organised to carry out the work.

The meeting continued at Angela's house.

Finance

The current balance is £5182.68 including the current round of donations.

Charitable Status

The application has been submitted to the Charity Commission. We know it has been received by them, as a request for clarification of one small point was received back.

AGM

The AGM was held at 7pm on 7th July at St Thomas's meeting room. Twelve members attended, and no problems were raised.

Winter bulbs

Planting of more bulbs in the fields is to be considered at the next meeting.

Dog event

Karen has obtained a grant of £300 for the hire of a Portaloo. It was decided to hire an accessible toilet which will be about £150. This will be on the field from the Friday before the event until the following Monday, and so needs to be insured. The hire company offer insurance for £16 and it was decided to accept that.

Penk Insurance has agreed to sponsor the dog show to cover rosettes and prizes. Morrison's supermarket have also agreed to sponsor an event. We will have a raffle on the day. If we wish to sell tickets in advance we need to apply for a license, have our unique tickets printed, and subsequently supply a statement of accounts to the council. It was decided to sell tickets on the day only – standard raffle tickets can then be used.

There will be joint advertising with the Inkerman Bird-box Making event – to be arranged by Brendon and Karen.

Angela will send round an e-mail asking for offers of cakes and jam.

Any other business

None

Next Meeting

To be arranged for early November.