

Manor Fields Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 26 May 2016

Present

Angela Fookes, Peter Passmore, Dennis Hooper, Chris Hill, Karen Czernik, Liz Foster, Brendon Weager.

Apologies were received from Adam Barnes.

Trees

The fence has not yet been erected around the hole where the tree was felled.

Chris has planted a new apple tree in the north east corner of the north field.

Finance

The current balance is £3742.62. Karen has obtained the promise of a grant towards the dog event to include the cost of hiring a portaloos. The annual bills for mowing etc, and insurances, have been paid and cleared.

Field Entrance

The new surface has held up well during the wet weather.

New residents

Nothing to report.

Charitable Status

The Charity Commission have said that all ongoing applications for CIO status will be scrapped unless they have been submitted by 14 July 2016. Any such applicants will have to start the process again. If submitted by that date, then the current application can be continued until completion. It is therefore vital that we have the first application submitted by that date.

Our solicitor has emailed DCC to check whether or not there are any problems with the transfer of the land from the existing charity to a new CIO. No reply as yet, but it was agreed that in the absence of a reply we should go ahead with the application and sort out the details later.

A Trustee Names Form for submission with the application was completed and signed by all members present.

Bird food found on the field

Angela had been given a package of material found on the field by a resident. It had originally been taken to the police station but they had returned it. All committee members agreed that it appeared to be suet bird food.

AGM/Newsletter/Appeal

The AGM will be held at 7pm on 7th July at St Thomas's meeting room. Newsletters had been printed for circulation round the neighbouring streets, and these were shared out amongst the committee members for distribution.

Risk assessment

The first committee meeting after the AGM should include a group inspection of the fields.

Inkerman

Karen reported that new benches have been supplied by the council to replace the old wooden ones on the Inkermann, which were in very poor condition. The new ones are made from recycled materials and are supposed to be vandal-proof.

Winter bulbs

There was a suggestion that we plant (British) bluebells in the copse in the south field.

Dog event

Brendon had emailed a summary to all committee members of the current situation regarding the dog event on 1 October. He will call a meeting of all volunteers nearer to that date.

Any other business

Chris reported that he had seen a red kite over the fields earlier in May.

Next Meeting

The date is to be decided at the AGM.