

The minutes for West Park Friends Group Meeting  
Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July, time 7.00pm at West Park Café.

1. Apologies:- Councillor Grundy & Neil Brimer

2. Present: - Tony Cooper (Bussey & Armstrong), Andrew, Matthew and Rebecca Buckingham, Christina and Craig Jones, Julie McCormack and Pippa Smaling (Ranger Team DBC)

3. Matters Arising

The work on the paths was to be done when the children are at school, so the work will now go ahead mid September.

The friends feel that the maintenance work on the ponds should be a one off and they would be happy with that. They don't want to set precedence for this type of work.

Levy payers don't receive clarity of what the levy pays for. A list of all the work done should go into the CDCF levy demand letter.

**Action: P. Smaling to raise this with steering group.**

Minutes were agreed.

4. Site Maintenance

Comets Garth path: It hasn't been adopted by the council as of yet. For the council to adopt the path work will need to be done by Bellways.

**Action: R.George to speak with Paul Temple for clarification.**

The bridge at George Stephenson road needs to be painted, the other two bridges have already been painted.

**Action: T. Cooper to arrange painting.**

Tree plantation fences are being removed systematically starting with the damaged sections first. All fences bar the bike track will be removed.

5. Events update

The plans for the activity day are ready and hopefully the weather will be okay. The event runs from 11-4pm, there will be two marquees; one marquee will have businesses that promote self employment e.g. chocolate demonstrations, cupcakes and photography. The other marquee will have sponsors of the event, art workshop and face painting. There will also be a magic show, archery, fairground ride and the army are involved. Leaflets have

been distributed.

Halloween plans are under discussion as it was thought best to get the activity day over with before planning Halloween, the event will take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> Oct.

#### 6. Community Feedback

Street party went really well with over 1000 people attending.

Annual levy payers event – free burger/ beer for levy payers.

#### 7. Any other business – Management plan

Friends need more clarification of what monitor means, in terms of what the council are prepared to do and the standard of maintenance.

**Action: P. Smaling/ R.George to discuss and feedback to group**

The friends mentioned future projects: trim trail and more seating. There is the stone table that was previously in the play area, which could be relocated and installed.

**Action: P.Smaling to liaise with N. Leeming & T. Cooper regarding location and installation of table.**

#### 8. Time of next meeting

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> Oct, 7pm West Park Cafe