

Minutes for the Friends of West Park Meeting: Thursday 26th July 2012
Site visit 6.30pm

- 1) Apologies – Heather Hebden, Andy Harrison, Neil Brimer, Cllr Grundy
- 2) Present – Tony Cooper, Andrew, Becky & Mathew Buckingham, Jackie Buckingham & Pippa Smaling

3) Site Visit

Asked members of the public seen on site visit, they would like more dog waste bins especially at the top of the path from the hospital.

Action: PS to contact street scene regarding installation.

4) Site Maintenance

Paths: - Paths to be surfaced when the children go back to school in September. It was decided to do as many full lengths of path as possible. The path that is going to be done 1st is Comets Garth and then George Stephenson. There is approx £8k in the budget for paths so this would allow for approx 400m to be cambered. TC suggested to start the works after the land bridge and that it will need spraying off.

5) Events

West Park Activity Day: - The day went really well even though the weather wasn't that great approx 800 people came to the event. This was down on last years tally but could have been due to the Sunderland air show taking place (this event was changed due to the weather forecast). There was a slight altercation with two girls, however the police were in attendance and dealt with it immediately.

Halloween: - This will take place on Wednesday 31st October, 6-8pm. There will be a spooky trail created out of carved pumpkins (letters will be carved into the pumpkins). The children have to find the pumpkins and then figure out the name of a monster, a final pumpkin will be in the play area with the monster carved into it. They will get sweets as prizes. Other activities to be arranged.

Action: P. Smaling to put events on DBC website and star radio website. AB to add event to friends website.

6) AOB:

Projects

Seats: - Three new seats to be provided shortly to match existing. Locations agreed by FG on site visit.

Play Park: - Jabberwocky stones have been reinstated in new positions around the Play Park. The publication planned to explain design concept and art plan is progressing with photographer commissioned.

Nickstream Entrance: - Nick Leeming is preparing further costed proposal following survey of area and design meeting with poet.

Water Main Corridor (West Park Village): - Planning permission has now been granted for landscaping the land between Edward Pease way and John Fowler way including wildlife meadow and trim trail. Final designs now being progressed for implementation in 2013/ 2014.

Website: - TC handed over two dvds by David Williams of recent biking event on the bike track and the Activity day, to be added to the FG website.

Action: AB to add to website

TC to speak to CDCF to update on the bad debts, try to compile a list of levy payers contact details (for e-mail alerts) and obtain a copy of the information pack to hand out at future FG meetings when requested.

Info sheet: - When new people come to the meeting it takes a long time to discuss issues arising such as the levy, what it is for and who can use the levy. The friends would like an information sheet compiling so that when new people come to the meeting they can read the info sheet.

Green Flag: - Unfortunately we didn't get green flag this time.

7) Time of next meeting

Thursday 25th October 2012, West Park Café, 6.30pm

Action: AB to add to website and PS to do poster for notice board.