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Notes from the meeting of the Friends of Hartley Park held on 10/11/2003

Persons attending the meeting: Mr Gilmore, Mr Lewis, Mr Jones, Mr Broadbent, Mrs Shaddick, Mrs Gibbins, Mr Clifton, Mr Delamare, Mr Snell.

Apologies received from: Mr Hargreaves, WPC Anderton, Mr Sandeman, Mr Dunstall.

Mr Clifton opened the meeting, and advised that, sadly, as a result of the present difficult situation regarding the Pearn Convalescent home, Mr Hargreaves had resigned as Chairman of the Friends of Hartley Park. Everyone present hoped that the home would survive and that Mr Hargreaves would still be as involved with the group as time permitted. Mr Delamare said he would send a letter to Mr Hargreaves from the Friends of Hartley Park. It was agreed by all present that Mr Clifton would act as chairman until further notice.

Mr Clifton said that he would see Mr Hargreaves and obtain all of the relevant material regarding grant applications, tree wardens, park association membership etc. he would then arrange for the two teams which had volunteered to process the forms to receive them.

Mr Delamare ran through the notes of the last meeting, and the following points were discussed:

Mr Delamare advised that due to the vandalism of the sign board, he had placed a temporary sign within the sign board, which gives basic information about the group. Mr Delamare passed on two messages from WPC Anderton who could not attend. The first being that there are no specific bylaws relating to Hartley Park, although it is covered by all of the usual laws applying to public open spaces. Secondly, she advised that an incident involving drug taking had taken place recently, and that the police were taking this seriously.

Mr Jones was asked if, due to the vandalism of the sign board, it could be repositioned at the entrance in Reservoir Road where it is overlooked by houses, and is street lit. He said he would look into the matter, and that the replacement perspex would be of a more vandal resistant type. He gave the group an update of the funding position regarding the improvements and maintenance of the park, he gave Mr Delamare information about contacting the local planning committee meetings so that the funding could be progressed. Mr Jones also reported that the bulb planting event had taken place and had gone well, although Mr Gilmore had reported that some of the bulbs had been dug up by vandals.

Mr Snell reported only one item of feedback from the website.



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It was generally agreed that a full general meeting concerning Hartley park would be held in May 2004, and that after that event, all of the collected feedback concerning the proposals for improvements to the park be passed to Mr Jones and some more detailed plans be drawn up, so that grant applications could be made. Mr Snell said he would book Compton School as the venue and advise Mr Delamare of the date as soon as possible. A full park committee meeting would be held in April 2004. Mr Gilmore said he would enquire about the possibilities of distributing invitations and publicity material for the May meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 9 Reservoir Road, Higher Compton, on Monday 16th February at 7pm.