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Notes from the meeting of the Friends of Hartley Park held on 22/09/2003

Persons attending the meeting: Mr Broadbent, Mr Shillabeer, Mrs O'Neil, Mr Sandeman, WPC Anderton, Mrs Stone, Mrs Shaddick, Mrs Gibbins, Mrs Caley & son, Mr Snell, Mr Dunstall, Mr Clifton, Mr Hargreaves, Mr Delamare.

Mr Hargreaves opened the meeting, and advised that he and Mr Clifton were currently in the process of applying for grants/funding from several sources, also he advised that he had received an application pack inviting The Friends of Hartley Park to join the National association of Parks. All of those present approved of this, and he said that he would proceed with this application as well. He also invited any person who is interested in becoming a tree warden for the park to contact him.

Mr Delamare opened a discussion about the condition of the fence surrounding the ball play area and it was agreed that he would ask Nick Jones if any replacement of the fencing would be possible. He also raised the subject of future maintenance of the park and it was generally agreed that bearing in mind the current lack of maintenance, the council will have to give a firm undertaking to maintain any new facilities that can be installed.

WPC Anderton reported that there had been some incidents in the park, one of which was directed at Mr Broadbent who was present. Also the signboard had been vandalised, possibly by youths with a golf ball. A general discussion about security issues in the park resulted in WPC Anderton undertaking to find out which bylaws applied to the park relating to the activities allowed in the park.

It was suggested that if possible, a deputy from the parks department could come to the meetings if Nick Jones was not available.

As a result of the letter published about the incident involving Mr Broadbent it was agreed that Christine O'Neil will arrange to have an article about the park and the plans to improve it published as soon as possible.

The planting event mentioned in the last notes was referred to, and Compton School had requested as much notice as possible to help with class schedules.



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Due to the vandalism of the sign board it was suggested that Nick Jones be asked if it could be repositioned at the entrance in Reservoir Road where it is overlooked by houses, and is street lit.

Mr Snell reported more improvements to the website, making the new plans easier and clearer to see. Also he reported an increasing amount of feedback from the website, a large amount of which was concerned with making the children's play area accessible for disabled people and under 5's.

Mr Dunstall raised concern over the position of the meeting areas in the proposed plans, as they were quite near the houses in Higher Compton Road, the timing of the lighting in the park was also discussed as it was felt that all night lighting would lead to more disturbance for local residents.

Mr Clifton suggested that a letter be sent to Nick Jones covering the points requiring his attention resulting from the meeting, Mr Delamare said he would do this.

Mr Delamare said he was happy to be the second keyholder for the signboard. The key will be kept at Read's D.I.Y. Stores in case it is needed at short notice.

The next meeting will be held at the Pearn day care centre on Monday 10th November at 7pm.