



Friends of Hartley Park

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Meeting of The Friends of Hartley Park 8 July 2003

Apologies Apologies had been received from David Stark, Vina Shaddick, Jeanine Caley, and Ray Delamare.

Regrettably the Secretary was not in attendance.

Notes from the Meeting (by the Chairman)

In the absence of the Secretary and a formal agenda, the Chairman decided to run through the last minutes and invite further comment from everyone present.

It was approved to commence making a small payment for the use of the Pearn Day Centre for the evening meetings. A sum of £10 per evening was approved. The Treasurer explained that the financial position was steady in that little expenditure was being incurred and the initial fundraising efforts had provided a small working capital.

The Treasurer went on to explain that donations were always welcome and he, and the Chairman, felt that small sums would be forthcoming if required.

The Treasurer gave his apologies for having to depart.

Nick Jones was pleased to report that the Notice Board was now in position. The original suggestion position was not suitable in that the footings could not be excavated easily. The key would be made available to Kerry Gibbins.

Nick Jones confirmed that a structural survey of the park had been conducted and the overhanging trees difficulties noted. One of the "Friends" commented on the outbreak of nettles which deterred the children from enjoying their play,

A further thank-you was passed to the boys for their efforts in distributing the notes following these meetings.

The Chairman confirmed that he had invited the Community Policewoman to the meeting but she was unable to attend (In a subsequent telephone conversation Rebecca Anderton had asked that a copy of the "notes" be forwarded once more and that she was hoping to attend the next meeting)

The "feedback" from the website was ongoing and was to be encouraged. DS will continue to monitor.



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The Chairman agreed to contact the press liaison member (Christine O'Neill) to see if inroads into further media coverage could be made.

It was agreed that the plans to notify and advise schools (paragraph 4 of the notes dated 27 May 2003 should be implemented once more and should now include Compton Primary School and Egguckland Community College.

Nick Jones confirmed that he had briefed the appropriate councillors dealing with leisure and the environment regarding the Friends of Hartley Park

Concern was expressed about the safety of cycling in the Park. It was pointed out that whilst there were "NO Cycling" signs which suggested an appropriate bye-law was in place, there was always difficulty in enforcing such local laws.

Nick Jones explained that the chain link fence had necessarily had to be removed following a risk assessment. Such was the level of vandalism associated with the fence that remnants were presenting a serious risk to young children. The Parks Department had been compelled to remove the whole fence therefore.

Nick Jones advised of a means of gaining central government money for the park. He gave the detail to the Chairman (Application Form received by the Chairman 21 July)

Nick also advised of a potential sponsor for the park - in similar manner to local roundabout sponsorship. He was encouraged by the group to further this

There was a suggestion that the Park might be a suitable location for a "Planting Event" in September or October. All present expressed their keen interest and suggested that Compton School might also have an interest in this.

It was reported that there have been one or two incidents in the park recently. Kerry Gibbins advised that a neighbour had advised the local Community Policewoman of the incidents.

Dave Snell (DS) advised that he will be placing the plans for the park development on the website. Everyone was hopeful that this would encourage the schools to respond especially if the liaison visits ensured that the FOHP website address was incorporated into schools newsletters.



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The Chairman and Treasurer propose working on the Lottery bid.

Questions were raised about the apparent lack of a police presence in the park. It was suggested that the ideal time (to create most impact) was between 9pm and 10pm on a Friday or Saturday evening.

Date of Next Meeting 22 September 2003.