

Notes from the meeting of the Friends of Hartley Park held at the Hyde Park Public house 7pm Tuesday 22/04/2008

Persons attending the meeting: Mr HRM Clifton (Treasurer), Mr Delamare (Secretary), Cllr Stark (PCC), Cllr Fry (PCC), PCSO McLaughlin (Police), Mr Johnson (PCC Parks), Dean Price (BTCV). Apologies were received from Mr Rogers & Mrs Shaddick.

1. Mr Clifton opened the meeting, and all agreed that the Community action day held on the 12th April was an enjoyable and productive event. Many thanks to all who attended, and contributed towards the day. Also the open spaces event was productive, and £600 had been made available to the park for buying trees & shrubs - Mr Clifton would confirm this via email to the parks dept.
2. Mr Johnson confirmed that along with the two benches that the parks dept. will be installing soon to replace the two that were removed due to vandalism and rust damage, the two benches supplied by the police community group would also be fitted at the same time. The positions where the benches will be placed were agreed.
3. PCSO Mc Laughlin said that the competition to design two murals had been completed, and she was arranging for the murals to be painted.
4. The new dog control rules were discussed, and we all agreed that responsible dog owners would always be welcome at the park, as long as any mess was picked up.
5. It was agreed that the area under the trees next to the children's play park would be developed to become a woodland wildlife area, this will be completed by the autumn.
6. Mr Rogers had passed a letter covering various points that were discussed, and he has volunteered to be on the parks committee. Mr Delamare said he would ring and discuss this with him.
7. Mr Delamare said he would look at the website to change it to make joining the Friends of Hartley Park easier. He also said he would complete the application form that Mr Price had brought in to apply for a grant to plant more trees and shrubs.
8. It was mentioned that the local schools could plant bulbs in the park in the autumn, the council will supply the bulbs.
9. The local building applications were discussed, and the section 106 money that would be available if the building went ahead.

The meeting was brought to a close at approx. 9pm, and the staff of the Hyde Park was thanked for their hospitality.