

Friends of Sanders Park- (Community Group)

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2010 at Sanders Park Bowling Club

The meeting opened at 18:07hrs

Attendees:

Jackie Boreham BDC
Jeff Sharp BDC
Joanne Hall BDC
Colin Plenty
Sue Chinner
Conrad Palmer
Colin Measham
Neil Phillips
J Haddican

Welcome

J.S welcomed everyone to the meeting and a quick introduction was done by all around the table.

Matters arising from the previous minutes:

Unfortunately the Police were not able to attend the meeting. Jackie is liaising with Community Safety regarding initiative. Jackie will feed back to the group at the next meeting.

Signage

The new welcome to Sanders Park sign is delivered and waiting to be installed which should be done in the next 2/3 weeks. This will include a notice board and map. New Water Vole signs will be installed at the same time.

Some of the dogs on leads signs have gone missing and will be replaced.

Aiming High for Disability

This has been a successful bid.

There will be a supply of bikes kept at Sanders Park which will be suitable for disabled children to use around the park. We are proposing to launch these bikes at the Junior Leukaemia Bikethon event which will be held on Sunday 13th June.

Information Office

The information Office will close on the 30th September. There will still be the Grounds men based at the Park if any persons require assistance until further notice.

Events

We have received positive feedback with regards to the Bandstand programme. Colin Measham has provided feedback to the Huw Moseley (Events Manager)

The dog fun day which was organised as part of the Carnival was a success and this is something that we would like to do again next year.

Pumpkin Competition.

This is a competition which has been organised in conjunction with Bromsgrove District Council Allotment tenants. The two categories are "Biggest Pumpkin" and the "Most donated" they will receive a small prize. Following the competition these pumpkins will be donated to a Halloween event which we are hoping will be held within the Park. More information will follow shortly. The pumpkin competition is on 29th October in Sanders Park.

Bonfire night will be on the 6th November in Sanders Park

Café- Feedback

We have received positive feedback with the new café such as its very clean, fresh and a nice range of snacks. Jackie will be having a meeting with the café owners to discuss their feedback. Jackie will discuss the winter opening times and will look at adapting the menu to ensure that it is cost effective for both the customer and the café over the winter period.

Pavillion Roof and Toilets

The roof and toilet tenders are in. The contracts will be assessed and work should be scheduled to start in January (depending on the weather). Part of the scheme will include solar water heating and ideally rain water harvesting as part of our climate change commitments

Dogs on leads

Jackie has feedback to the group to say that she has received mixed responses. We still feel that this is the best policy to satisfy all involved and will continue to monitor this.

Open Discussions

It was highlighted that there is offensive graffiti on the frame of the tyre swing. Colin Measham stated that this is on the wood and would need painting as the graffiti remover has not worked. (painting to be scheduled into the winter programme of works) There is a large amount of litter around the skate park area. (This is being continually picked at the start of each day to ensure play areas are safe and tidy)

- A lot of positive feedback was received by the group as we discussed the past year.
- Jackie discussed the Green Flag judging day and the feedback that we received and thanked the Friends Group for their input.
- Positive feedback received for the informal footpath which was created by BCTV in May/June

Jackie discussed the use of Probation Service to help carry out improvement tasks in the park. We will also be making contact with HMP Hewell Grange who will be reviewing our annual bedding scheme.

We will also be promoting volunteer days to get people involved in the park as part of the 'Big Society' .

AOB

It was highlighted that parking on the grassed verges up at Deansway is becoming a problem. It seems to be local residents. The will be monitored and feedback at the next meeting.

The meeting closed 19.30hrs

Date of the next meeting: 30th November at 6pm – Venue to be confirmed.