

Red House Park Friends Group
27th November 2006
Meeting Notes

Sarah Carter, Chair, opened the meeting at 7.00p.m..

1. Present

Jason Cross Steve West SMBC Ray Wheatley Stephanie Page Cllr Tony Ward Bill Gunn	Jean Jones Sonia Vaughan Josh Bannister Cllr. Mary Wilson PCSO Charlie Sivers PCSO Adam Scott Christine Horton
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2. Apologies

Jenny and Guy Hale
Glen and Dawn Williams

3. Steve West gave an update on the following:

MUGA

Sonish is monitoring the surface of the MUGA to see what repairs are needed. SC was concerned that the guarantee period would be over so the Contractor would no longer be liable. However SW assured the Group that the Contractor was aware of the situation.

Monument

Steve West informed the Group that the Council will re-surface the area around the Monument.

Bins

The bins are on order. They will cost £450.00 to £500.00 per bin to supply and fit. They are due to be supplied around March 07.

Play Area

SW said that Health and Safety on the bottom pool is the priority for any funds that become available. With any monies remaining the Group would like swings for the older children including a disabled swing. SW said that it was not allowed under Health and Safety to have different seats in one bay. So it is thought the best arrangement would be to have one bay with two flat seats and a separate bay with one disabled seat.

4. The Red House

Cllr Tony Ward said that he has been told he is going to have sight of the Deeds to the Red House. The Group decided to wait until they see the contents of the Deeds before sending a letter out to the Community asking them to write to the Council to save the Red House. It was thought that January

2007 would be the best timing for this letter.

5. Police

PCSO Charlie Siverns and Adam Scott reported that due to their increased presence crime is right down. They are communicating with the Groups gathering round the Red House and trying to keep up a rapport. The Group said they were very grateful for their presence.

6. Gates

It was asked why the gates at the Newton Road entrance were not locked .SW pointed out that in a very short time seven locks were damaged so it is considered too expensive to keep replacing the locks , especially considering that it is still possible to gain access to the park at night at places that are not gated.

7. Sunday Parking

It was pointed out that parking on a Sunday morning around the park by footballers is extremely dangerous. The Police said they would monitor the situation and Cllr Ward said he would send someone to look at the problem.

8. 106 Monies

It is still unclear where all the 106 monies have been allocated. Tony Ward said he would get a full report. It is said that the remaining 106 money available to Red House Park will be used for the maintenance of the Play Areas and the Changing Rooms . £9000.00 has been spent already and another £19000.00 has been put aside for this purpose.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on 8th January 2007 at 7.pm. All meetings after this one will commence at 6.45 p.m.

A Schedule is attached to these minutes giving dates of the Meetings for 2007