

Minutes of the Horwood Pece Management Committee
Held on 24th March 2009 at 8 The Green, Great Horwood

Present: Michael Brocklehurst Cathy Holland
David Bolton Liz Nicholls
Mike Hobday John Nicholls
Jeannie Marshal Steve Brigden

1). Apologies

John Gilbey

2). Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes approved and signed by John N.

3). Matters Arising

Lions: Mike B had contacted Lions with a choice of two pieces of equipment ex VAT and ex fitting. They were happy with this and have sent a cheque for £1050. Liz has written a thank you letter. The pieces of equipment are the 'Crazy Scrambler' and the 'Crazy Hen'.

Saplings have been replaced and planted by Pauline Brown, Liz has thanked her. Pauline has suggested a native tree to be planted at the top end of the Rec and has kindly offered to donate this. Liz has left the choice to Pauline. There has been an offer of three conker tree saplings from K Jones, a villager, for the Rec.

Plaques: when the time comes to put all the plaques up, it was suggested one goes up as a general thank you to all the villagers who have helped with time and donations.

Railway sleepers: Steve will purchase and collect four sleepers tomorrow in preparation for the gates. Liz will contact Graham Smith as a few days prior to Kompan leaving. Hopefully Graham will be able to dig the holes by the 3rd April so a working party can erect the gates on the 4th April in time for half term. Jeannie will ask Mandy Trundell who works for Buildbase if they might donate some sand and cement for the gateposts.

Pete H has cut the dead elms from our side of the Rec. He will contact Mr Watts to organise a suitable time to cut from his side though crop growing is now underway. Pete has suggested a 'tidying up' of the feature willow that the kids climb on. It was agreed for him to go ahead with this then for the committee to assess the need for reinforcing posts.

G Smith has completed the drainage. Thanks go to him for his willingness to amend the drainage design on re-assessment with John N.

No response from Tuckwells re the mowing contract. Liz to chase and request rolling.

No further with Eon meeting.

Liz will ask Kompan to fill 'hole' near electric pylons with soil from footings dug out for equipment.

4). Equipment Installation

Lord of the Manor request has been sent to Focus with a choice of three pieces of equipment ranging from £2660 to £3120.

All committee members have agreed how impressive the Kompan installation is. There is substantial underground strength and support to all pieces of equipment. Kompan are hoping to complete installation by 3rd April.

David will speak to Kompan tomorrow confirming positioning of bench and litterbin. It was suggested the PC to put a bin outside the Rec – AVDC will empty this but will not empty the one in the Rec.

5). Fencing

Fencing is unsatisfactory at present. Steve will go and confirm how many posts are still loose then Liz will contact John Graves again. The PC has authorised the cheque but no payment to be made until the fence is made good.

6). Big Event

Big Event is 17th May. Liz has sent official guest invitations out and has started to receive replies.

The Band will be £90. They have a tent which Mike B will find out if we could maybe use. Mike B and Jeannie have gazebo's. Giocoso will perform FOC. TicToc – Tracey, a children's entertainer has offered her services FOC. Bounce Away will charge to go on their equipment (Bouncy Castle and Slide were thought to be best options) and will give us 20% of takings. Liz is still trying to get hold of the ice-cream man. The portable toilets have been booked. Steve B is an official first aider and is happy to do this on the day. Liz will confirm the first aid insurance situation. Jeannie will attach the 'flower arch' across the entrance to the Rec and plans to decorate the brook railings. Village Hall chairs are 50p hire per chair. Steve will provide some staging and megaphone. Jeannie will make a platter of sandwiches for 'guests' and organise cold drinks.

Suggested agenda:

12 noon: Start

12.15: Handover/speeches (Cathy to ask Mike Sheldon if he would officially 'open' Rec. Mike B speech as Chair of Trust)

12.30: GH Silver Band

13.30: TicToc

14.00: Giocoso

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15.00: TicToc

This has room for amendment depending on the weather.

Posters 'Please take home your rubbish!.

8). Any Other Business

AVDC cheque is in as is the remainder of the Bucks Community Action.

Gt Horwood Football Club has asked about the possibility of using the Rec for practice on Saturday mornings. David will look into this further. In principal the Committee is happy with this as long as the general public, dogwalkers will not be impeded in anyway.

Meeting closed at 10.10pm

Next meeting: **Monday 20th April at 7.30pm**
at 8 The Green, Great Horwood.