

## Friends of Marple Memorial Park Committee Meeting

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2005

### Minutes

**Present:** Peter Clarke, Brian Nash, Mark Whittaker, Andy Settle, Bill Ardern, Chris Armitt, Bob Wilson, Kay Blair, Jay Havoleana. Peter Bardsley

**Apologies:** Adrian Ellis, David Hoyle, Dave Burrows, Ken Wilson, Michaela Wood

### Minutes of the last meeting

Two items omitted from minutes were:

Green Space funding for projects up to £500 are available and applications need to be forwarded by 1<sup>st</sup> week in September, December or February. Suitable suggestions are required.

Peter C and Mark are to look into the provision of a circular bench to go around the Coronation Tree and see if it is suitable for a green space grant.

### Matters Arising

- **Graffiti Art Scheme:** Kay & Peter C to report back to next meeting.
- **Jims Bench:** After contacting the manufacturers, Peter found that due to a number of unforeseen reasons, we are £130 short of the purchase & delivery price. It was suggested that the monies raised from two Quiz Nights to be held for the Friends at the Ring O' Bells (24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> August) be designated towards making up the shortfall. Peter will also approach Playground Maintenance to seek extra funding.
- **Newsletter:** Was completed by Mark and 500 copies printed by Brian Nash. These were successfully distributed by Sue Clarke in time for the deadline of Carnival Day. Feedback following the distribution has been mixed with both compliments on the look of the park and a complaint that we let young people roam too freely!
- **Recruitment Drive:** No response so far from leaflet drop and posters.
- **Bird Boxes:** Carried over to next meeting.
- **New Play Area:** Lots of positive feedback. The situation with the Rocking Horse is to be clarified by Peter C with the Council.
- **Picnic Benches:** Peter C to speak to Dave Burrows for an update.

- **Park Cottage:** Peter Bardsley to represent the group at the next Area Committee meeting to ask the councillors what the intentions of the council are with regard to this building and report back to next meeting.
- **Old Bowling Pavilion:** Peter C is to make enquiries with a stonemason with regards to having a replica of the plaque made for fixing on the out side of the building. This will inform the public of the buildings significance.
- **CHARIS – Community Bus:** Mark confirmed that £200 had been donated towards the Community Bus Maintenance and a receipt received from CHARIS.

### Any Other Business

- **Torkington Park:** Kay told the meeting that the local action group for Torkington Park hope to have a skateboard park installed and can the FOMMP give any helpful suggestions. The Marple group advised them of feedback we had received of the need to keep the teen shelter and skateboard park separated due to potential conflicts between the two user groups. It was also suggested that the skaters in our park were asked what was good and bad about our own skateboard park.
- **Log Bench:** Following a number of negative comments it was agreed that the log bench at the entrance to the park be moved to a less prominent spot.
- **Equal Opportunities Policy:** Having become aware that the Friends do not have an Equal Opportunities Policy, Kay offered to forward the group a copy of a generic policy for us to fit to our needs.
- **Red Ensign:** The group discussed a request for the Red Ensign to be flown in the park each year on 3<sup>rd</sup> September, International Merchant Navy Day. It was unanimously agreed that we support this and Peter Bardsley agreed to firstly ask for permission from the councillors and secondly to ask for a contribution to the cost of purchasing a flag. It was agreed that if need be the Friends would fund the latter.
- **Putting Green:** Discussions about the possible provision of a putting green by the park cottage brought favourable comments. It was agreed that this be looked into further when we know more of the fate of the cottage.
- **Marple Guide:** The Marple Business Forum are at present compiling a guide to Marple and may require some input from the group. Peter C will make further enquiries.
- **Funding:** Kay is to report back on possible funding opportunities from an ex-servicemen's charity (SAFA).

**Next Meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August 6.30p.m.  
Marple Library**