

Friends of Marple Memorial Park Committee Meeting

Monday 25th April 2005

Minutes

Present: Peter Clarke (chairman), Jay Havoleana, Brian Nash, Andy Settle, David Burrows, Kay Blair, Walter Arden, Bob Wilson, Bill Arden, Chris Armitt, Mike Spreckley, Micaela Wood, Mike Craig, and Adrian Ellis.

Apologies: Peter Ashworth, Mark Whittaker,

Peter Clarke opened the meeting and apologised for not having copies of the agenda for the group.

1. Matters Arising

The picnic benches will be fitted shortly after Dave burrows have arranged a site meeting with the probation service who will be installing the benches.

Peter and Mark have chosen 3-4 designs for the memorial bench for Jim Heale, unfortunately Peter forgot to bring them to the meeting so a decision will have to be taken as to the design at the next meeting. All the designs consist of cast iron frame with wooden slats and all the benches are of a good quality costing between £600-£700.

Action: Peter to bring designs of benches to next meeting.

The football posts should be installed over the next fortnight to three weeks weather permitting and the litterbins will be installed as soon as Peter and the carnival committee have identified the location.

Action Peter to have site meeting with Adrian over siting of the litterbins.

The graffiti programme has stalled slightly due to the resignation of the area youth worker Andrea Nyland. Kay Blair has offered to help Peter with the forms.

Action Peter to liase with Kay over Graffiti programme.

Bob Wilson the community parks officer attended the annual greenspace forum on behalf of the friends of Marple Memorial Park. He returned with useful information. The council for friends groups can do,

- Printing to the cost of £50.
- Local libraries photocopying service 100 free copies
- £50 towards marketing.

The forum commented on the friends of Marple Memorial Parks web site. Peter will collate all the information gather by Bob and will bring to the next meeting for discussion.

Action Peter to collate forum material for next meeting.

The newsletter is close to completion and the draft document will be ready for the next meeting. Mark has kindly offer to under take this task.

Action Mark to produce draft newsletter for the next meeting.

Peter emailed Norman Hudson over the park cottage last week but has not received a reply as yet.

A member of the group suggested that rather than email a letter should be sent to Norman. Peter agreed to send a copy of his email by post with a covering letter.

The top up grant should arrive shortly after some problems with the form being mislaid and later found.

A recruitment drive should be organised to help the group with new member's especially younger members.

Peter will find copies of the original leaflets, which Kay kindly offered to photocopy, and offered the services of the youth offender's team to help distributed. Peter though that posters in the library would also be useful.

There is no further progress with the with the information signs at this present time.

Andy Settle was introduced to the group and he explained about his role and youth project with in the park.

Andy works for churches together a locally funded project that works with young people.

For the last 4 weeks on a Thursday Andy and his bus have been coming to Marple Memorial Park between the hours of 7.30pm-9.30pm.

2. Playground Update

Mike Craig the landscape Project Officer explained that 4 play schemes had been drawn up using the information that been provided at the initial public consultation.

On the 12th April a further public consultation took place at Marple Library where children were ask to choose between the 4 schemes.

Scheme 2 was the chosen project and work will commence within 6 weeks and it is hoped that all the work will be completed by the school summer holidays.

All the area will be reinstated by the contracted and the life expectancy of the play area is expected to be 30 years.

3. Any Other Business

Peter has been looking at the first consultation to see what projects were high on the agenda now that the play area was well under way. One idea was to promote more wild life into the park. Peter will look at the introduction of bird and bat boxes and will speak to people at Etherow Country Park. Another suggestion was to introduce bird feeder to certain areas.

Peter told the group that a new bench had been installed in the park in memory of a local Teacher and charity worker Ian Rice. The Bench was installed close to the canal and the teen shelter and was a joint project by the friends of the park, British Waterways and Stockport M.B.C.

This is a late addition to the minutes not part of the meeting. There are 2 quiz nights at the Ring O Bells Public House on Church Lane Marple in aid of the friends of the park all welcome.

First night 25th May

Second 1st June

Quiz starts 9.00pm.

4. Date and Time of Next Meeting Monday 6th June at 6.30 pm at Marple library