



Thursday 15th July 2011-07-18
5:30-6:30 pm

The Church of the Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Birmingham Road

Minutes

Attendees:

Sue MacTaggart (Chair)	local resident
Liz Hatch	local resident
Lesley Hatch	local resident
Jordan Farnell	Vestia
Marilyn Harper	local resident
Tim Hollis	Tennis Club
Dave Sadler	Tennis Club
Louise MacTaggart	local resident
Carina Johnston	local resident

Apologies:

Spike	local resident
Steve Walker	local resident

1.0 Welcome & Introductions

- 1.1 SM welcomed everyone to the group and introduced Jordan Farnell, Community Development Officer from Vestia.

2.0 Minutes of last meeting

- 2.1 No issues were raised from the previous minutes.

3.0 Matters arising

- 3.1 SM informed the group that her and LeH are attending the next PACT meeting and will report back to the group where appropriate.
- 3.2 The faulty play equipment has now been fixed and re-installed into the park.

4.0 Future events

Tennis Club Wall

- 4.1 TH informed the group that the graffiti artist Dom has been in to St George's Primary School to consult with the children on what they

would like to see on the mural wall. The children decided on having an aquarium theme.

- 4.2 TH also informed the group that the tennis club are looking at running morning tennis coaching on the tennis courts, for juniors. This will include free taster sessions. This may have County Sports from Hagley helping out.

HBG Big Local Event (Summer)

- 4.3 Members of committee will be available on the day.
Dale Evans has volunteered to offer Trampets and Swing Balls
- 4.4 The church will be supporting the event and will open up the church for sales of cakes and refreshments. The money made from sales will go back into FoBG bank account.
- 4.5 Publicity for the event will include Hereford & Worcester radio, Midlands Today, Shuttle, local door-to-door leaflets and St George's Primary School. The group are also looking at making a banner for the day.

Action 1: JF to arrange for someone to drop off black bin bags and high visibility vests for the event. JF will also liaise with Wyre Forest District Council to arrange the delivery of litter picking materials and to collect the rubbish at the end of the event.

Action 2: JF to provide 225 more copies of the promotional leaflets

Action 3: JF will look into Love Parks Week promotional materials.

October Half Term

- 4.6 The group discussed ideas for what would add value to the park and could be put on in the October half term. The group agreed to the concept of having a patch of land where they would be able to do planting. The group identified that they may need to gain funding for bulbs and plants to be planted in the October half term week. This concept will be discussed with WFDC Parks Officer.
- 4.7 The group also discussed the idea of having an interactive wood carving which could be used and appreciated by both older and younger people

Bird Boxes

- 4.8 JF informed the group that Nick Parker has kindly offered to provide the group with some 'flat-pack' bird boxes for the October event. The group have asked if Nick will also be providing Nails and Hammers .JF will ask Nick. SM also stated that this would be a good event for the October event.

Action 4: JF to liaise with Nick Parker and find out about bird boxes

5.0 Meeting with parks department

Report on Joint Meeting

- 5.1 The joint meeting was cancelled and has been rescheduled for the 5th September. SM has asked if JF and Justin Bryant are able to attend also.

Action 5: JF to liaison with Justin Bryant to see if both are able to attend meeting with SM and the Parks Officer.

Future meetings with parks on ten year plan

- 5.2 This will be covered in meeting on the 05/09/11.

6.0 Date of next meeting

- 6.1 09/09/11 at Church of Latter Day Saints from 5pm

7.0 Any Other Business

- 7.1 SM informed the group that all the chairs of the Friends of Parks groups have been asked to meet to have a greater community say on the HBG. SM is in correspondence with Jo Knight to set up a meeting with other chairs.
- 7.2 The group raised concerns about the state of the paths at the park. This point can be raised when meeting the parks officer.
- 7.3 JF asked the group what it felt was its strengths and weaknesses. The group identified the following Strengths and weaknesses.

Strengths: Tennis club, dog pound, quiet park, free gym, St George's school, varied members.

Weaknesses: hidden park, Small group, vandalism.

- 7.4 SM has also stressed that the group need to raise more funding, and has asked JF to look into funding sources.
- 7.5 TH indicated that the Tennis club have made the courts available to schools on weekday mornings. The group asked whether Arland House could be given access to the courts, TH is looking into this.
- 7.6 The group indicated that they would like to have a notice board similar to that in St George's park. JF will look into possible boards and costs.
- 7.7 LM asked by group to set up a Facebook page for the group, as well as an events page.

7.8 Group have asked if they are able to set up a website? JF has indicated that he will help the group set this up.

Action 6: JF to look into possible funding sources

Action 7: TH to look into Arland House having access to tennis courts

Action 8: JF to look into potential notice boards and costs

Action 9: LM to set up a Facebook page and create an events page.
Action List

Action 10: JF to help the group set up a website

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2	JF to provide 225 more copies of the promotional leaflets	JF
3	JF will look into Love Parks Week promotional materials.	JF
4	JF to liaise with Nick Parker and find out about bird boxes	JF
5	JF to liaison with Justin Bryant to see if both are able to attend meeting with SM and the Parks Officer.	JF
6	JF to look into possible funding sources	JF
7	TM to look into Arland House having access to tennis courts	TH
8	JF to look into potential notice boards and costs	JF
9	LM to set up a Facebook page and create an events page	LM
10	JF to help the group set up a website	JF