

Friends of Marple Memorial Park Committee Meeting

Monday 14th June 2004

Minutes

Present: Peter Clarke, Jay Havoleana, David Hoyle, Adrian Ellis, Sally Curley, Mark Whittaker, Walter, Chris Armit, Bill Arden, Ken Wood, John Francis, Kevin Wilson, Dave Burrows, Micaela Wood, Brian Nash, Chris Huxley.

1. Apologies: Malcolm Alcard

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Funding-Dave Burrows informed the group that funding and enquiries for a handrail was on going.

An A5 flyer advertising the Friends group will be going out on carnival day and the newsletter is now out and Peter has produced maps for delivery in the area.

Adrian informed the group that the 'planting out' of 2000 wild flowers in the habitat area took place and more are planned.

Peter informed the group that the fitting of the stocks with pad locks has been completed.

Task Day- Peter informed the group that the Task day was a success and that the wall being re-built by British waterways is now complete and looks great, and that the towpath will be up graded as well.

Dave Myers may carve the Tree trunk at the main entrance.

Charity quiz night took place and peter raised £117.27

A 'Friends of Marple Memorial Park' stall will be set up at the carnival.

The Bi-Centenary of the locks will take place on 3rd July and will set-up at 09.00-90.30 that day.

AOB

The (Green Flag) inspection of the park will take place on Friday 25th June.

Dave Burrows to bring and set up the display boards and is arranging to have the car park remarked out.

Ken Wood proposed that to assist the secretary in the taking of the minutes that any matters or A O B raised at the meeting by individuals be written down then handed to the secretary either before or after the meeting.

Walter expressed his concerns over the offensive graffiti on the skate Board ramp, and was informed by Dave Burrows that a graffiti removal unit is called in when necessary and that general graffiti is monitored daily - sally suggested holding a graffiti art day.

Bill requested if some of the over hanging branches down the main pathway be pruned back for the Carnival vehicles. Adrian informed Bill this work is ongoing.

Sally informed the group that the path lighting down the main pathway might be re-started later this year.

Chris raised the ongoing problem of youths walking through and dog faeces in the cenotaph shrub/flower display, and asked if any thoughts have been given to a raised retaining wall or fence to keep both out could be looked into. Adrian suggested direct pathway to the Skateboard area might be another consideration.

Greg's to be approached about sponsoring a litterbin for the park.

Installing a picnic table in the park between the Bowling Green and the toddlers play area was raised and Dave Burrows suggested involving the youth probation service and would speak to the service.

Date for the next meeting is Monday 19th July 2004 at 6.30p.m at Marple Library.