

Manor Fields Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 29 August 2015

Present

Angela Fookes, Adam Barnes, Peter Passmore, Beverley Riley, Dennis Hooper, Roger Wilson and Chris Hill.

Apologies were received from Brendon Weager, Huw Griffith, Liz Foster, Lee Shaw and Karen Czernik.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Finance

The current bank balance is £4129.83. Chris is in the midst of claiming tax relief on donations. The charity return has been submitted.

Flailing and grass-cutting

The lock has been examined by Pollards who were unable to open it. They have replaced it with a new one. This year we have asked the council to cut back three sides of each field, and all the hedges.

Trees

Angela met with Lee and Liz. Lee has contacted Ruth Baker – Tree Preservation Officer for DCC – and obtained a copy of the tree preservation order covering the fields, plus copies of the approvals given to Jon in the past for work to be done. Lee has been trying to contact a tree surgeon to arrange a survey but so far to no avail. According to Jon's last report there is one tree near the gate that needs to be removed.

Field entrance

Chris has had no response to his e-mails to John Hopkinson of DCC re the quote given for work to the entrance. He has had a further quote from Paul Barrett for laying plastic meshing at a cost of £400 plus materials. The meeting favoured this approach but in view of upcoming costs on trees decided to postpone the work for the moment.

Dog agility event

There will be classes for agility and fly-ball, plus a dog show. About 5 stallholders are hoping to attend. It will be advertised in the S40 magazine and on Chatsworth Road Festival literature, also on our website and Facebook page. Brendon will bring his camper-van to boil up water. Beverley is organising donors for prizes. Inkermann Buzz have a stock of biodegradable cups that we can purchase.

Football

Jonathan Pepper will again use the fields for junior training. These are from Brampton Rovers 7/8 year olds.

Charitable Status

Members of the committee met with Sandra Pink – a representative of the Council for Voluntary Services – on 6th July to discuss a change from a Charitable Trust to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Angela has contacted Shipton Halletwell & Co who would charge £330.00 plus disbursements to arrange transfer of ownership of the fields to a new organisation. The first stage is to arrange a special meeting to which all members of The Manor Fields Association will be invited, to discuss and hopefully agree the dissolution of the existing organisation, and the creation of a new one to be registered as a CIO. Angela will draft a letter to all members for agreement with the committee and with Sandra Pink before issue.

Any other business

Brendon has obtained a gate-counter but this has not yet been fitted.

Angela would like to step down as Chair at the end of this financial year, and have a year's leave of absence from the committee.

Next Meeting

15th October with letters to distribute amongst the committee for personal issue to members regarding a special meeting provisionally arranged for 19th November.