

Manor Fields Association

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14 January 2016

Present

Angela Fookes, Adam Barnes, Peter Passmore, Dennis Hooper, Chris Hill, Karen Czernik and Liz Foster.

Apologies were received from Brendon Weager, Lee Shaw, and Huw Griffith.

The committee gave thanks for all their work for the Association to Roger Wilson (who passed away since the last meeting), his wife Marie, and to Huw Griffith, who is moving from the area.

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Finance

The current balance is £5434.48, including gift aid of £1154.71 covering several years, which has now been received. The cost of repairing the field entrance, £280 plus cost of materials, has still to be paid.

Benches

David Barker, a local resident, has kindly repaired the old bench which was damaged whilst the field was being cut. This is now back in place, plus a new bench provided by CBC to replace the one they broke.

Flailing and grass-cutting

All hedge-tops have now been cut.

Trees

Lee is awaiting two quotes from contractors for the work which needs to be done, and also awaiting written authorisation from Ruth Baker, the tree preservation officer. It was agreed that she should be given a reminder as we feel this work should be done as soon as possible for safety reasons.

Field entrance

The area around the field entrance has now been repaired with plastic meshing over a new sub-surface. The meeting gave their thanks to Chris for organising this work. A grant of £200 was received from the Community Assembly towards the costs.

New residents

Several houses have changed hands on Ashgate Avenue.

Risk assessment

Leon, who prepared our risk assessment, asked his senior officer at work to look it over and make any suggestions. He suggested that a definition of 'competent person' needs to be included, and that the committee should keep a record of the qualifications of anyone so used. He stressed that if the plan

says that an inspection should be made, then it must be done. The committee needs to maintain a record of when inspections are made, and by whom.

Charitable Status

A Special General Meeting was held in St. Thomas's hall on Thursday 19th November at which members of the Manor Fields Association voted to change the status of the organisation to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. Angela and Peter met with Sandra Pink from Links on January 7th to start the application on-line. So far they have drafted out a model constitution which is the basis for the application. Two questions need to be answered before this is put before the committee:-

- a. Do the deeds allow us to transfer the fields to a new organisation.
- b. Do we need to have an income of £5,000 per annum. This figure is mentioned on the website, but it is not clear whether or not it would apply to us.

Any other business

The coffee morning mentioned at the last meeting did not happen.

The Inkerman Buzz will be on 17 July this year. At the next meeting we need to decide whether or not to participate this year.

Angela asked all members to consider who could be invited to join the committee as our numbers have reduced, and to sound out any such person.

Next Meeting

24th April.