

Friends of Towneley Park

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday May 17th 2012

1. **Present:** Pat Colbran, Pat and Pete Ashton, Keith Buchanan, Ronnie Pollard, Louise Chesbrough, C.Cllr Margaret Brindle, John Nuttall, Tony Kitto, Maureen Frankland, Margaret Crane, Jill Urquart, PCSOs Jessica Reeves and K Lonsdale.
2. **Apologies:** June Evans, Sylvia Hagan, June Pritchard, Brian Broxup, Susan Barker
3. **Meeting – March 26th:** Minutes passed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising:**
 - The Woodgrove Carpark.. Work should be completed before the next Football season. Simon to meet Councillors on May 29th to release the funds set aside for the project.. It will probably be pay and display with the same charges as at the Hall. CLC visitors will be free, and there will be a more robust enforcement of Unity parents who park on the road.
 - A note from Ken Darwen thanked us for distributing T.H information along with our Newsletter. He also asked if we would be willing to apply for funding (British Heart Foundation?) to provide a defibrillator at Towneley Hall. Contact Pat C or Maureen for further details.

5. Financial Report. 26th March – 12th May 2012:

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Sale of Notelets:	4.00	Easter Eggs, prizes and materials	132.76
Scooter Donations (2)	11.05	Donation to Brass Band:	200.00
Easter day Donations	70.86	C.V,S membership fees:	15.00
May Day Plant and stall sales:	102.33		
	188.29		347.76
Cash in Barclays & CAF Banks:	3177.53		
Total :	3365.82		
		Current balance at 12. 5. 12	3018 .06

Grant money still in hand: Skipton B.S – Bulbs	271.63
Co-op (scooter maintenance)	1190.20
Green Partnership: (Balsam/Easter)	323.53
Total:	1785.36

6. **Reports from BBC Officers were sent out with the Agenda. (Points raised)**
 - An application has been made to the Woodland Trust for planting 105 small trees (including a Royal Oak) to mark the Diamond Jubilee. Results of the application should be known in October..
 - Pat and Richard attended the official opening (by the Mayor) of the Rowley Lake paths and environment improvements. This will eventually link in with the Brun Valley Trail, and is well worth a visit for a good walk. Information leaflets with map available at the Hall Shop foyer or from Keith Wilson.
 - Police Community Support Officers Jessica Reeves and K. Lonsdale attended to report on any Park problems. They follow up nuisance reports with scrambler bikes, alcohol gatherings and use of remote control cars. Large gatherings outside Unity College are deterred. Evening patrols will be increased during the Summer.
The new 20 mph speed limit notices along the Holmes and Deerpark Roads will be monitored and offenders cautioned.
Problems with cars waiting to pick up Unity College students on the Holmes Road are on going. Car owners will be encouraged to use the Woodgrove Carpark when it is developed. Pat will contact Simon to see if an area of the carpark could be set aside for a 15 minute free pick up point.
7. **Management and Maintenance:**
 - A new notice board is needed at either the Hanbrig entrance or the new carpark development. Members felt that people coming in from Todmorden Road were local, and would not need an information board. Could the cost of a board in the carpark be included in the funding for the landscape development?
It was also suggested that Offshoots might be able to do the construction, as an alternative to the very expensive boards in other parts of the Park. (Pat to email Simon)
 - Andy Buck is applying to the HLF to be considered for Heritage Status for the Park in 2013. The Green Flag award result will be out soon.
 - The updated maps are now ready and should soon be fitted into the Notice Boards.
- 8.. **Feedback from:**

School visits with our 3 local primary schools to see the results of the autumn bulb planting plus a (bit of litter picking) went well. They also enjoyed a talk about the bee project given by Lisa from Offshoots, and scattered wild flower seeds in an area near the Hanbrig entrance..

Easter Sunday event had less families attending than usual due to the poor weather, but everyone enjoyed the day. Several children paraded with lovely hats which were judged by Cllrs Brindle and Sumner who declared everyone a winner!

Scooters: Maureen has collated a list of comments by users. This will be displayed on the notice board. Users come from a wide

area. Feedback was universally positive – 81 users over a 12 month period. Posters needed for Multicare and Jaycare.

9. Current Projects:

- **Newsletter:** Funding needed for the. Autumn 2012 and Spring2013 issues. Pat C agreed to again apply for LCC Local Members Grant help. Cllr Brindle supported this. Any suggestions or articles to Pat Ashton by June 24th please.
- **Towneley Hall Society Jubilee Tea Party:** 2 -4pm Contact Louise to buy tickets (£7.50) We will have a stall to sell plants and bulbs from the Italian Garden.
- **24th May:** Meet at gardeners compound at 10.30 to collect plants for the sale.
- **DVD: "Step Back in Time"** now available from T.H. shop (£5)
- **Web Site:** Now up and running. Past achievements and Sponsors need to be updated. Maureen, Pat and Richard met with Tony to learn the procedures.
- **Balsam Picking:** Leaflets now available. Will be taken to Unity and Sir John Thursby colleges for their gardening clubs.
May 31st: Members to meet at the Rotunda for a picking session around the swale area. After that members can arrange between themselves to tackle other areas as weather permits. contact Twitter through website to advertise.
- **June 10th - Trees for Burnley** are having a bashing session. Volunteers welcome. Meet at compound 10.30. **Maureen and Andrew** will be at the "Crocodile" area in Thanet Lea wood from 10.30 on June 23rd. Any help welcome.
- **Deer and Fountain Progress:** No feedback yet. Still waiting for meetings about water and power supply for the Fountain restoration.

10. Activities:

- **Gardening Club** – Next working party on Thursday 7th June 10.00am (meet at entrance to Offshoots) We will concentrate on keeping the gardens around the Hall tidy and re vamping the memorial garden by the War Memorial. Andy will consult with the Rotary Club about their garden area which is in need of some restoration.
- **Scooters** - . Some users thought the provision of a stick holder on the scooters would be useful. This will be monitored. A list was circulated for volunteers to cover summer weekends and Bank holidays.
- **Brass in the Park** – June 17th 2pm – 4pm. with the popular **Stacksteads Brass Band.** Volunteers needed to run our catering stall and bake cakes, scones etc. for this busy afternoon. (contact Pat C or Maureen for further details)
- **Black Bee Project** - No feed back yet..

11. Dates for your diary:

- Sunday July15th and August 12th - I pod walks - 2.00pm Meet outside T.H. shop .
- Saturday June 23rd - Blue Peter Live from Towneley Park – activities from 9.00am onwards .
The Olympic Torch is also coming through Burnley on that day.
- The 5K monthly Park Run will start on June 5th at 9.00am. The route will be around the games pitches and play areas, not in the woodland. Better running surfaces will be made using stone from the Woodgrove carpark development.

12. AOB

- The area between Fullede and Unity College needs serious attention., including the potential for a new bridge. Following a meeting on March 26th, Simon has approached the River Ribble Trust (RRT) to try to get funding for improvements to the Nature Reserve near Fullede. RRT have 4 applications in with the Environment agency to clean water courses feeding into the Ribble, and this project could fit in well. Simon to meet on June 12th for more info. If unsuccessful, he will apply on behalf of the BBC.
- BBC have had enquiries from organisations / businesses wanting to use the **Fit4All** equipment on a regular basis. They are considering a registration of these organisations with a possible fee for business users. Any money will be ring fenced for repairs and renewal.
- It is planned to resurface the road alongside the triangle and from Unity College to Hanbrig over the school holidays. Funded by BBC with no help from LCC. Cost £65,000

Next Meeting Date: Monday July 23rd at 10am

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