

Friends of Eaton Park

Committee Meeting on Thursday 31st July 2008

1. Minutes of last meeting: these were agreed

2. Matters arising:none.

3. Correspondence

Ann had received a letter of thanks from the St John Ambulance for the photo she had sent them. Harry was thanked for the photo.

The West Earlham Rangers also appreciated their photo (Julie reported)

Fiona reported that she had heard from Breathing Places in a Box that David North of the Norfolk Wildlife Trust had been appointed mentor to the Friends. This would involve 3 days mentoring. Fiona said she would have a preliminary meeting with him to discuss projects. List of suggested projects was circulated.

Judith had received information about 3 Play Rangers who have started work for the Council. The contact was Cathie Davies 07881710382. They had been invited along to a future meeting. Julie would also make contact with them.

4. Treasurer's Report: Kevin presented the finances up to 30/6/08. Balances stand at:
£940.00 Restricted funds

£1082.13 Net Income

Chartered Accountant Ian Couzens had audited the accounts and had been complimentary about their good order and had not charged for his services. Judith would thank him.

Vic proposed a vote of thanks for Kevin's careful handling of the accounts.

5. Membership: Kevin reported 12 members and distributed membership forms to those who wanted them.

6. Consideration of Public Liability Insurance: Judith reported that she and Kevin had given consideration to the insurance offered by the BTCV and felt that it was appropriate. It was agreed to spend £190.63 on insurance which included membership of BTCV and up to 500 project days per year (no of project days x volunteers) and £5m public liability insurance. Judith would keep a copy of the completed form until confirmation from BTCV was received.

7. Arrangements for Public Meeting: Kevin suggested that the Model Railway Club be asked if they would speak at the open meeting on 25th September. This was agreed and he would contact them. Ann suggested that the craftsman who created the shutters for the café be praised for the work. Fiona said that a press release was due to go out from the council and she would liaise with the Friends so that a small group could meet with Jo the craftsman for a photo shoot and drink in the café etc. Ann suggested the details and photo go on the website.

8. AOB: Kevin was concerned that members should receive information from the Friends and he felt that the accounts with the Friends' Report should be sent out. He would do this. Ideally a newsletter but this was not yet completed.

It was felt that more people should know about the Friends and the forthcoming open meeting and AGM. To this end it was decided to place a poster on the information boards in the park. Judith to action.

There was concern that cars were parked under the trees near the entrance to the park and that the pedestrian safety was compromised. Peter had a suggestion including lockable bollards and Fiona would ask Property Services for a price.

Judith reported that St Georges Park in Gt Yarmouth had received a Green Flag award and suggested a group visit to see the park and report back.

9. Date, time and place of next meeting: the next meeting would be on 28th August at 7pm. It was agreed to write and email User Groups asking that they either come along to that meeting or contact the Friends with their preferred dates for June 2009 Eaton Park Celebrations.