

Notes of meeting held on 10 Dec 2009 at West Park Leisure Centre.

Present: Park users, local residents and representatives of EBC and other organisations.

**1 Introductions**

Eric Davis took the chair. He welcomed the 14 members present.

Apologies were received from M Thornton.

**2 Election of Officers**

E Davis was elected as Chairman, and J Clarke as Secretary and Treasurer.

**3 Statement of Accounts**

The meeting was informed that the statement of accounts would be distributed with the minutes of the meeting. The current balance was £1150 .62

**4 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 29 Oct were agreed as a true record. Again, the minutes had not been sent to members by e-mail. It was agreed to send a copy to RW.

**5 Matters arising**

There were no matters arising.

**6 Community Watch**

It was reported that VB's maternity leave was imminent. Colin Howitt was the new beat officer. A meeting would be arranged with CH and JG to discuss Community Watch activities.

**7 Update**

- a) The fitting of arm rests to the new bench in the brick shelter was still not done.
- b) Tenders for path repairs were due by Dec 14. The work would be primarily patching, with some edging. There would be a 5 year plan for upgrading all paths in the park.
- c) DB has asked for old huts and toilets on the park to be removed.
- d) There was discussion on the removal / refurbishment of the old pavilion at the bowling greens.
- e) The toilets had been repainted and were currently clean and graffiti free.
- f) Baby changing facilities had still not been fitted to the ladies toilets, and there were no waste bins there. This matter was well overdue for resolution.
- g) Money had been approved for the 'wheeled sports area' on the old tennis courts.
- h) Trent College are close to taking over the indoor tennis courts.
- i) The wet play area would go ahead.

j) The non-emptying of dog bins was being resolved, and a bid had been put in for an extra dog warden.

k) DB said that the new putting green had not been a success; virtually no users. The course would be improved. Karen was to continue at the cafe.

l) All broken trees had been replaced.

#### 8 **Keep fit apparatus**

Sheila Davis summarised the situation. One equipment supplier had offered 10 pieces of equipment of £17900, including £900 delivery. DB said that if equipment was eventually obtained, EBC would install, and possibly arrange delivery / collection. SD was submitting a letter of intent to Comic Relief. They would reply by Jan 18.

#### 8 **Trees**

It was agreed to purchase liquid amber, aspen, acer, and sequoia.

#### 9 **A O B**

a) DB said that the need for more dog bins could be met by the provision of mixed-waste bins.

b) Riverside FC said that they would be organising a litter pick on January 30.

c) A Manchester United soccer school would take place on the park on 25/26 July 2010.

d) Main changing rooms: Riverside still plan to paint the inside, and the offer of financial assistance from the Long Eaton Sunday League in respect of improved security was still open, but progress re tenders was very slow.

#### 10 **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 3 Feb 2010, 10 am Curzon Room, West Park Leisure centre