

Friends of Moneyhole Meeting

June 19 2009

Attendees:

Andrew Carr (Finesse)

Christina Cooper (PCSO)

Cllr Roger Trigg

Dog Wardens

TK Choo (FOM)

Amanda Bassett (PFC)

Street Wardens

Local Residents

1) Welcome

AC welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) Update on grounds maintenance works - AC

- **Tree belt** – News on this should be received within two weeks. Some residents of Wyton are keen that this be done soon, one asked to be informed prior to the work starting in case her property became exposed to vandalism. **Action: AC**
- **Hedge Cutting** - The next cut will be in July.
- **Grass cutting** – Finesse has started weekly cuts over summer.
- **Green Flag** – Judging took place on 2 June and the outcome is awaited. It expected that recommendations will be made for improvements allowing the award to be achieved next year. **Action: AC**
- **Car park resurfacing** – this will happen over the summer with increased numbers of spaces.
- **The Community Board** is now in place with new seating and bins planned.

A resident remarked that an improvement in maintenance has been seen recently.

3) Park safety matters

PCSO Christina Cooper reported that four calls resulting from anti-social behaviour, noise and alcohol related incidents have been received in the last month but vehicles have begun congregating in the car park causing the police to attend. This continues to be a serious problem and sanctions are in place to address the issues. Motor bikes and mini quad bikes have been seen and where possible advice is given to riders. This will be ongoing. There has been less vandalism seen, apart from some damaged guttering on the building but residents are encouraged to report all concerns so that police can log complaints.

There was some discussion about the need for a barrier to close the car park at night, so preventing the vehicle noise and safety issues. This would be expensive to install but may save money in repairs and rubbish clearance long term as well as reducing stress for local residents. A working party will be set up to look into this.

Friday night meetings – these have begun and have resulted in a reduction of alcohol consumption among the 40-48 young people attending. So far the project seems to be successful and it is hoped that volunteers already CRB checked will be found to continue beyond the current end date of early July. A survey carried out by the PCSO indicated young people want only a building with activities like games consoles and heating for cold weather. It is hoped that the Moneyhole Pavilion might be made available for this.

4) Friends of Moneyhole and volunteer projects – TK

Moneyhole Park trail – Lafarge have donated 20 tonnes of hardcore to spread over muddy and uneven areas before wood chippings will be added making the mile long healthy walk suitable for use all year. Finesse has agreed to provide funding for 2 days of supervision for the Probation Community Payback Scheme and the work has

been scheduled for early July. Finesse has the posts and will install the waymarkers and signs over the next few weeks. **Action TK and AC**

Shrub Pruning – Volunteers continue to clear the shrubs at the front of the pavilion. The work will continue around the side and rear over the coming weeks every Wednesday between 4 -6 pm before the new path and planting go in. This already looks very much more attractive.

5) AOB

Use of the Moneyhole Pavilion – At present the building is used by the Football Club exclusively but there have been requests from residents that it be made available to other groups, especially the youth. Discussions with the Football Club, Finesse and the Council will begin after a vote showed a majority were in favour of access (17 in favour, one against, with 4 others offering support by email). The representative of the Football Club objected on the grounds that there would be more work for already stretched volunteers and concerns were expressed about extra noise generated by evening activities. A working group will convene to look at these issues and see if there is a way the building might be shared.

Dog wardens – The proposal that a Dog Control Order be put in place has been rejected by the Council with the suggestion that the education of owners and commercial walkers be attempted. There is a major problem with fouling on the pitches and with uncontrolled and aggressive dogs and the efficacy of leafleting was questioned but a Dog Awareness Month is to be attempted before the Dog Control order is looked at again. **Action AC and TK with Dog Wardens and PCSO.**

Football Noise –The kick wall creates noise and a resident asked that it be moved away from the houses. The issue of noise coming from training will also be raised in meetings with the Football Club with a view to perhaps relocating sessions further from homes adjoining the pitches as several residents are affected. The group working in liaison with Panshanger FC will take this forward.

Safety of grounds – where goal posts have been removed for the summer there is a trip hazard where the holes remain. AC to see if a cover can be found for each hole.

DONM – July 30th Date and venue to be confirmed.

Contact Details:

AC (Finesse) Office: 01707357106 **Email:** a.carr@finesseleisure.com

KC (WH Council) Office: 01707 357000 (Anti Social Behaviour Team)

Street Wardens (WH Council)

Kevin Hornsey (Manager) Mobile: 07775 705064 **Email:** k.hornsey@welhat.gov.uk

Neil Rider Mobile: 07920 283 399 **Email:** n.rider@welhat.gov.uk

James Armstrong-Bridges Mobile: 07789 925 171

Email: j.armstrong-bridges@welhat.gov.uk

Stewart Cott Mobile:07768 526 276 **Email:** s.cott@welhat.gov.uk

CC (PCSO 6047) Paul Edmondson (1927) Office: 0845 3300222

TKC (FOM) Mobile: 07946 466472 **Email:** tk@monworth.com