

Friends of Moneyhole Meeting

July 30 2009

Present:

TK Choo (FoM)
Christina Cooper (PCSO)
Local Residents

Cllr Darren Bennett
PC Paul Edmondson
(A total of 52)

Cllr Louise Lotz

Apologies

Andy Carr (Finesse)
Cllr Roger Trigg
Dog Wardens

Chris Brandon
Lyn Bardeleben (Roseacre Gardens)
John Manitarra (CHILD UK)

Pauline Boulton

1) Welcome

TK Choo welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2) **The Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record.** There were no matters arising.

3) Friends of Moneyhole and volunteer projects

Moneyhole Park trail – This is now almost complete and the last few muddy patches will be covered in the next few days. Finesse will complete the spreading of the wood chippings and an **Inaugural Walk will take place on August 8th at 3pm.** Thanks were expressed to Lafarge, the Probation Service, Panshanger Football Club and to Andy Carr of Finesse for helping to bring this project to fruition.

Shrub Pruning – The shrubs are clear now and plans are in hand for putting in low growing plants to improve the appearance of the building further.

Dog bins – the bin moved from Wyton is back and the one removed some time ago has been installed at the far end of the field.

The footpath at the entrance to the Pavilion - This has been replaced after some years of neglect and the way in to meetings is now safe. Thanks to Councillor Trigg.

Noticeboard and Signs – These have been put up by the car park. The noticeboard has already been used to reunite one piece of lost property with its owner and will be used for community notices as well as Friends communications. Thanks to Finesse.

Dog Problems – these are still being addressed. The Dog Warden is visiting the park regularly and Finesse has arranged Dog Awareness days with the warden.

Litter – Friends collect litter on walks and WHBC have agreed to empty bins on Fridays and Mondays to help with the problems. This will be monitored.

Vandalism – There has been more vandalism, including young people on the roof of the Pavilion. The tennis wall is decreasing in size weekly and guttering has been damaged. Problems are reported to WHBC as they are found and repairs have been usually carried out quickly. The tennis wall and outstanding guttering will be kept under review. A playground gate was repaired within six days by Finesse.

Tree Damage – Finesse have made safe broken branches and trees very promptly.

Noise and anti social behaviour – One meeting has been held so far and Councillor Bennett has agreed to chair the group. There will be a report on progress soon.

The Friends of Moneyhole Website – www.welwynhatfield.co.uk/moneyhole. This will be the notice board for minutes, discussions and events. Many thanks are due to Will Davis for his work on this impressive site.

4) Park Safety Matters

Dog Awareness Month organised by Finesse and the Dog Warden is coming to an end but the dog warden will look into continuing the exercise.

Antisocial behaviour PC Paul Edmondson and PCSO Christina Cooper reported on the policing of the park. The park has a high priority so police attend within one hour of a call and this may be considerably faster. Continuing involvement of CHILD UK has reduced the reports of misuse of alcohol on Friday nights and volunteers are being sought to ensure this carries on. It is understood that problems arise throughout the week until the early hours of the morning, especially during school holidays and it is stressed that all issues should be reported so that a log can be kept. The number for this is **0845 3300222**. Cars cause major problems to residents and the police ask for specific information about offenders so that they can be interviewed and action taken. A multi-agency working party is about to meet to offer ideas for engaging young people and attempting to reduce disturbance. Initiatives are in place to reduce the sale of alcohol for consumption by young people, a major contributing factor to noise and these will continue. It is vital that all incidents of noise and antisocial behaviour are reported. The installation of a barrier to close off the park to vehicles at night was discussed and this will be investigated. Councillor Bennett asked that a Street Dancing event at Gosling be publicised and stressed that he and Councillor Irene Dean are very interested in working with young people.

Councillors hold surgeries on the third Saturday of each month at Panshanger Church and residents are encouraged to attend to put forward problems.

5) Park Maintenance and Improvement

Tree Belt Work will now go ahead in the very near future. Finesse have consent.

Litter Picking at present carried out to a great extent by Friends will be discussed with Finesse and new bins may be obtained.

Park Furniture was raised and older users of the park would welcome new benches (sited away from homes) to allow them to enjoy walks. This would make the park more inclusive and will be pursued.

Suggestions for Future Improvements were put forward in the form of tennis courts, an adult playground, and agility area for dogs, crazy golf, a garden area, café and toilets. There was some discussion of the need to preserve the country park character of the field but a Futures working party will be set up to put forward requests for consideration in planning for the WHBC budget. Volunteers are sought. **Car Parking** was again discussed. There is a problem on match days and it was suggested that the County Council be involved in looking at dangerous parking on the road and verges. The improvements in the car park are still expected.

6) Any Other Business

Community Access to the Pavilion. Unfortunately there was no representative of the Football Club present so this will be pursued outside the meeting.

The Future of the Friends Group. It is now felt that the Group should be formalised. An inaugural general meeting will be held in October and names are sought for an election of officers. Volunteers and nominations will be very welcome and contact should be made through the website or using contact details below.

Next meeting date – Friday, Oct 2nd Moneyhole Pavilion (Date & venue to be confirmed).

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