

## **Friends of Rhyddings Park**

Minutes of the meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009

### **Minutes of the last meeting – all agreed**

**Committee business** – no committee business

**Treasurer's Report** – attached

**Bird box project** – GK to thank Craig Horabin for offering to install the bird boxes. The boxes are now almost ready for installation. Work has been progressing with the three schools and all of the children have been very enthusiastic. A funding bid is in with Breathing Places to get some further funding to hold an event to celebrate this project later in the year.

**HBC planned work** – Linda Dean is now working solely for Oswaldtwistle Area Council (Neighbourhood Management). She's now going to look at our list of priorities. The capital programme 09/10 has £150k for parks in with £67k 106 funding for Osw. Minimum we will have for Osw is £135k.

**New play area** – Linda to chase Andrew to see what progress has been made on this.

**MUGA bid** – We have got through Stage 1, we are now waiting for someone from Changing Spaces to get in touch to arrange a meeting to help us through Stage 2.

**Pets Corner** – no issues

**Bowling issues** – drainage is still a problem and footballers are still using the bowling green as a football pitch. Fencing is essential to alleviate the football problem. Shirley Parkinson to investigate options. Cheque for £100 for bowlers given by Cllr Britcliffe and Cllr Walmsley.

**Policing issues** – Ideally Police would be at every meeting. GK to speak to Sgt Holderness.

**Party in the Park** – 3<sup>rd</sup> May, all welcome

**Wildlife Garden** – A funding application has been submitted to Awards For All for £2,118 for some gardening equipment. The intention is to hold 'gardening' events and to create a wildlife garden in the area of the park near the top of the pets corner.

**2010 Calendar** – Workshops have been held at some schools in Ossy for the 2010 calendar. Pictures handed around.

**CCTV** – no progress

**Website** – needs renewing – GK to action

**AOB** – The new Tesco store which is due to open in Oswaldtwistle has been approached regarding some funding – they have said that they would like to contribute something but have not confirmed what yet.

Dog bins – NM to ask CH to re-site the dog bins near all the exits.

Next Meeting - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June 09

**7.00pm at Hippings Vale Community Centre**