

Friends of Rhyddings Park

Minutes of the AGM and meeting – 27th October 2009

Minutes of the last meeting – all agreed

Chair's report – attached

Treasurer's Report – accounts as per attached

Election of Committee – no one other than the existing members offered to take over, so the existing committee of Neil, Hazel and Gayle were re-elected. Phil has indicated that he would like to stand down but no volunteers were forthcoming.

Projects – The bird box project is nearing completion and the final money due to be spent soon. The Calendar 2010 will be finished soon and will be available for purchase (discuss price at the next meeting). Summer workshops were a great success. Equipment for the wildlife garden is due to be purchased soon. MUGA bid got through phase 1 and now phase 2 needs writing. We are currently looking for projects to go through 2010.

HBC planned work – a drainage survey is being done before any work can be started.

Pets Corner - Bootstrap Enterprises have indicated that they would like to look after the pets for us. Phil is looking to take more of a backseat role and oversee rather than work in the pets corner on a day to day basis. More discussion about this at the next meeting.

New play area – This was completed and launched a couple of weeks ago and is already proving to be a success with the young people. Concerns from residents regarding the noise of one of the pieces of equipment – Gayle to write to PCSO Rikky Gallacher to see what can be done.

Bowling issues – Fencing – the existing hedge will be removed for the new fencing to be installed and then the top bit of the slope will be replanted.

CCTV – no progress

Walled Garden – Shirley showed the plans to convert the old tennis/basketball courts into a community walled garden. We have got through phase 1 of the funding bid, Shirley is now in the process of writing phase 2 with support from FoRP. We have six months to submit phase 2.

Question raised – have we considered composting toilets?

Response – yes, but as we already have plumbed in toilets it is unlikely to be changed.

If this project is successful work would commence by the end of 2010.

Wildlife Garden – Saturday 21st November at 10am – all volunteers required to help work on the wildlife garden at the top of the park. The aim is to turn the run down area at the top into a community garden. Please just turn up. The more people help out, the bigger the difference we can make to the park.

Next Meeting – Tuesday 24th November

7.00pm at Hippines Vale Community Centre