

Friends of Rhyddings Park

Minutes of the meeting - 30th September 08

Parks for People bid – unfortunately the funding bid failed. Disappointment was expressed with Capita. Cllr Britcliffe notified the group that council officers have been instructed to look at ways of putting capital funding into the park next year. Marlene Haworth is looking at the possibility of using Section 106 funding and has identified £67k which may be possible to use for pathways and drains.

Additional funding bids to be investigated for:

- bowling green – can a fence be installed
- wall around the picnic area

FoRP will pursue some other funding from Community Spaces for a MUGA.

Pets Corner – Area council has awarded the park £460 for some signage in the pets corner – Gayle to pursue.

A shed is required in the tarmac area for the goat – a new goat has arrived and the aggressive goat has been given away.

Peahen – the chicks died, it is believed that the peahen didn't know how to look after them.

Bulb planting - we have been given some bulbs by HBC – Neil has spoken to the scouts about helping us to plant them. A date to be published some time soon – help will be needed.

Policing – no police were present at the meeting. Neil to send an email to Sgt Holderness to see if representatives could come to future meetings.

Bird box project - Gayle has started this by contacting local schools. St Andrews and St Mary's have agreed to participate.

Event – everyone agreed that we would like to have another event in the park like Orchestral Manoeuvres. Peter Britcliffe announced that the council may be able to fund an event. If the council were to fund the event it would need to be promoted beyond Oswaldtwistle.

CCTV – should be up soon – posts already in place.

Website – this is now up and running www.rhyddingspark.co.uk – anything anyone wants to add to it i.e. times of bowling, pictures etc – should send to Gayle info@gayleknight.co.uk

AOB

Swings – one is damaged and needs replacing – Neil to speak to Andrew Hayhurst.

Footpaths – broken glass near entrance – Peter Britcliffe to notify us of number to ring.

Date and time of next meeting – note the next meeting is the AGM

Tuesday 25th November 2008

7.00pm at Hippings Vale Community Centre