



DRAFT - Minutes of the Coe's Meadow Management Committee Meeting on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016, 7.30 pm at the Village Hall

Present – Chris Leigh, Terri Bowler, Kevin Leigh, Heather Young, Carolyn Munroe, Claire Garden and one member of the public.

Apologies For Absence – There were no apologies.

Declaration of Interests – CL ask if anyone needed to declare any interests – there were none.

Approval of the last minutes – TB mentioned that the minutes had a sentence missing with regard to the grass area leading you to the church steps, these were amended and agreed by the committee and signed by CL

The minutes were then read, approved by the committee and signed by the chairperson.

ROSPA Report – CL reported that we had been awarded a five star certificate for the play equipment on the meadow, following the completion of the remedial work that needed doing. The horse has now got a new tail and the equipment is now fully operational.

On 3.11.16 the basketball surface is being inspected as the surface is lifting in places, a report will be given at the next meeting.

The committee were asked to look at the choices for possible new play equipment that had been made by the school children. CL showed the committee letters written by the children with their ideas.

Favoured items were: -

- A circular disc p68 - £7000
- Cradle swing p 305 – £2836 or £3206 for the special
- Four person scales p 229 price on application CL to enquire

- Two person scales p229 £2040
- Trailer for the tractor p71 -£1225

It was thought that although the most children were in favour of the circular disc it was a lot of money for one item, when several other popular items could be purchased. CL would take the proposed items to the Parish Council and also visit the school again to obtain the children's view.

It is planned for the boule pit to be positioned alongside the footpath at the back of the meadow where the grasses have been taken down.

Maintenance – Stour valley have taken the grass down and put them around the meadow. It was agreed that this looks very unsightly. Mr Kent a local resident has a mound of dry grass next to his property which is now full of rat holes!

It was suggested that next year we have all the dead grasses taken away

A member of the village has mentioned an apple tree growing towards his garden. Stour Valley are coming on 30.11.16 to work on the bushes around the pond so will trim it then. CL will provide the usual soup and rolls for the team.

It has also been mentioned that a member of the public has been letting their dog off its lead on the meadow and is ignoring our "polite" notices. CL will speak to the person concerned.

CL has bought a "Treasure Chest" selection of seeds for the meadow – a late flowering variety, which she shared with the committee. It was agreed that it would be nice for children in the village to help sow them. The seed will be mixed with sand before sowing. The seeds are indigenous to our local area. A date will be suggested later so that the community can join in.

Gate Timetable – Now that the clock has gone back the gate timetable has been altered.

The gates will be locked at dusk (4.30pm) by Ken and opened by Nina when light in the mornings.

Fun Day 2017 – The date for the fun day was agreed as Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2017. It has changed from a Sunday to allow for the evening events.

CM has enquired about hiring chairs from Twinstead. The cost is £1 for 10 chairs so it was agreed that we ask for all they have. She will make further enquiries about the tables for the next meeting.

The attractions for the fun day will be: - BBQ (burgers and hot dogs), Donkey rides, zorbs, face painting, painting with local artist, maypole, Stour Valley activity, cream teas/scones, bar provided by The Fox, games for the children, ice cream stall.

CM said she would see if she could get strawberries donated by the local market. The school will do some dancing.

In the evening there will be Hog Roast and tickets will be sold in advance.

Shaun Maynard will provide the disco.

CL will look into a marquis, as the disco will need to have a waterproof covering.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.