

# **KEMPSTON RURAL PLAYSPACE**

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD  
THURSDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2004

## **CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE**

**Present:** Mick Ward, Phillippa Stanbridge, Julie Pritchett, Tanya Collins, Debbie James, Bev Rinvenuto, Chris Lowe, Jon Shilling, Mille and Ronnie Barclay (10)

**Apologies:** Frances White, Maria Robinson

**Meeting Started at: 8.15pm**

### **Minutes of Meeting 04.03.2004**

Agreed, no issues raised.

#### **Treasury Report**

No change at this time to funds raised and banked. No update on the format in which the accounts to be presented. Jon suggested that this should be done prior to the A.G.M.

**Action:** Hilary

#### **FUNDRAISING**

##### **Easter Egg**

Apologies that the minutes are out after the Easter Fun Day - I was hoping to have done them before. Anyway I think that Easter Egg raised a lot of cash and did really well. No doubt Hilary will be able to let us know at the next meeting.

##### **Fundraising Applications**

Jon gave an update to say that he had submitted an application to Charles Wells for approximately £3,500.

The Living Spaces application via the National Lottery has been submitted for a sum of £20,000 but the application via the Environmental Fund had been kept back until the result of the National Lottery application was known. Living Spaces allocate an 'Advisor' to assist projects, presumably they are not used

to dealing with a group as organised as us, but they will let us know if they intend to allocate an 'Advisor' in about a month, which hopefully means they intend to consider our application.

The reason for only one application at this time is that if we only applied for £10,000 from each fund but were unsuccessful in one i.e. National Lottery, then we had effectively 'burnt our bridges' for applying for more funding from the Environmental Fund - hopefully this makes sense?????

**Action:** Jon

### **Company Applications**

To date there has been no further update from Woolworth's, Asda etc. This item to be placed back on the Agenda when an update is known.

### **Parish Council Meeting**

Chris stated that there was no update as to the appointment of a Solicitor to start the process of obtaining the documentation to own the land.

Jon said due to the fact there was no completion date then as a Committee we should do all that we could to ensure the Parish Council would support us if, for example equipment was installed and an owner then came to light who required the removal of the equipment, the Parish Council would 'fight our corner'. To this end he suggested that a 'letter of commitment' was drafted and presented to the Parish Council for them to sign, also to include the facts that they will continue with the Public Liability Insurance and the grass cutting payments.

**The next Parish Council Meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2004 – 7.30pm at Church End.**

Chris to raise the issue of the purchase of a gate to go at the end of the footpath to secure the area.

**Action:** Jon and Chris to draft letter for approval at next Committee Meeting  
As many as possible to attend Parish Council Meeting.

### **Purchase of Equipment**

Due to the above Jon said that it would be un-wise to install equipment until a Commitment had been signed by the Parish Council.

**Action:** To remain on Agenda

## **Maintenance of Playspace**

Again due to the lateness of these minutes it has been established that Angela is no longer able to offer her support in grass cutting.

Frances was asked in sheer desperation to cut the grass in time for the Easter Fun Day, where after more problems that she needed, she and Roger managed to do an excellent job.

Since then Bev's son's Robert and Philip have acquired a lawnmower that will do the job and have cut the grass twice. Robert has suggested that he will cut the grass subject to the approval of the Committee.

Grass Cutting will be added to the agenda for the next meeting in order we can discuss possible options for alternative arrangements.

Jon has a 'No Dog' sign that was removed from its post, packed somewhere and will dig it out in order it can be put back up.

A date for maintenance was arranged for Saturday 17.04.2004 (tomorrow) but I'm not sure how many will have noted this separate from these minutes - maybe we should re-arrange this?

Darren was volunteered to obtain grass seed to patch up the bare areas.

**Action:** Item to be added to next Agenda for date for maintenance to be re-arranged and grass cutting to be discussed.

Darren to obtain grass seed in anticipation!

## **Newsletter**

This item to be added to the Agenda and discussed at the next meeting.

**Action:** To be added to next Agenda.

## **Auction of Promises**

Due to no offers as yet being received it was decided that this would be a worthwhile event but needed some organisation and work to get it off the ground.

It was agreed to be placed 'on hold' for resurrection in September.

**Action:** To be added to Agenda in September.

### Easter Fun Day

You may have gathered by now that these minutes are being written after this event.

In brief, another really successful, well attended event that has raised in excess of £400 by the commitment, enthusiasm and support given by all.

More at the next meeting.

### Any Other Business

Nothing raised.

Meeting closed at: 9.10pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2004

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

8.00PM

**ALL WELCOME**