

KEMPSTON RURAL PLAYSPLACE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 1ST MAY 2003 CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

PRESENT: Debbie JAMES, Frances WHITE, Ronnie BARCLAY, Bev RINVENUTO, Len CLAYTON, Petra LONGHORN, Jon SHILLING, Tanya COLLINS, Hilary and Zoë TURWICZ, Julie and Darren PRITCHETT, Millie BARCLAY.

APOLOGIES: Andy LOWE, Philipa and Rob STANBRIDGE.

Meeting opened at 7.10pm

Minutes of meeting held on 10th April 2003 agreed.

TREASURY REPORT

The Bank Balance stands at £1345.52.

From the Easter Bonnet Parade a total of £160.75 was made.

Advertising for the Newsletter £50.00 credit.

£47.00 was paid out for the Rotovator for the Spring Maintenance.

It was agreed that there would be a £50.00 float kept for expenditure.

NEWSLETTER

The Newsletter had now been delivered to all in the Kempston Rural area.

EASTER BONNET PARADE

A Big Thank you to Tanya Collins, who organised the Bouncy castle Bev Rinvenuto for the White Elephant Stall and Jon SHILLING for the Raffle.

Thanks to all that donated raffle prizes and cash to The Playspace, and of course thanks to Mick and Margaret for bringing their Burger Van. It was good to have you back!

With special Thanks to "John The Train" for his donation of the bouncy castle, Martin Fuller for his donation of the prizes for the Easter Bonnet competition and to Steve "Top Judge" Clark from The Parish Council for the very hard job of deciding the prize winners.

Despite a dreadful weather report for the day, it was dry and sunny and a good time was had by all that were allowed to use the bouncy castle!!!

SPONSORED WALK

A great event!

It was a lovely sunny afternoon, with a brilliant turnout and a fantastic walk around the footpaths of Kempston Rural, some of which we never knew existed!!! It was an excellent “get together” and a good “community activity”

It is expected that this will raise funds of in excess of £500.00.

A reminder that if possible all sponsorship money should be in by end of May 2003 to either Frances or Hilary please.

Many thanks to “Leader Frances and Roger “Tail End Charlie” White for the organisation and planning of this event and thank you to all that took part and or supported this event.

A definite for next year’s calendar!

GRASS CUTTING AND PLAYSPACE MAINTENANCE

GRASS

Angela Gates has been contacted and has agreed to cut the grass and maintain the edges of The Playspace.

In order for the agreement to be formalised it was agreed that a meeting where minutes would be made, would be arranged where Angela Gates, Debbie James and Hilary Turewicz are present.

It was agreed that The Playspace would offer to pay her £22.00 per month between March and November. (These being the months where the grass needs cutting). Payment would be made at the end of each month subject to the grass being maintained.

ACTION: Debbie JAMES and Hilary TUREWICZ.

FENCE

Matt Lawson has now erected the fence and gate in The Playspace. An excellent job has been made and this now prevents access to The Playspace from the field except through the gate. (and the main entrance to The Playspace - see Parish Council Meeting)

It was agreed that a padlock and chain needed to be purchased to secure the gate.

ACTION: Darren PRITCHTT to obtain chain and padlock. - Funds to be provided by The Playspace.

ACCESS TO PLAYSPACE FROM FIELD

As the fence has now been erected, the only access to The Playspace is now either by the Public Footpath from Wood End Road, or via the field through the padlocked gate. The fence runs the Playspace side of the ditch.

It was decided that Railway Sleepers should be purchased and fitted across the ditch under the gate to ensure access for grass cutting equipment etc and the disabled.

ACTION: Tanya COLLINS to purchase railway sleepers.

10.00AM SUNDAY 8TH JUNE 2003

Please bring, spades, forks, rakes and any other useful equipment so that these railway sleepers can be dug in!

CHILD SURVEY

No arrangements have been made to date to contact Kempston Rural Lower School.

ACTION: Tanya COLLINS and Debbie JAMES to arrange.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next meeting of the **Parish Council** is **Tuesday 20th May 2003** in the Church Hall, Church End at **7.30pm**.

Please meet at The Cross Keys at 7.15pm if you would like to attend.

We have Steve Clark to thank for attending the Easter Bonnet Parade and judging the competition and to say Thank you to the Parish Council for the Fence and gate paid for by them. It is intended that we will take some photographs of the fence and the area so they can see what has been achieved so far.

We also need to inform them that our Newsletter has been printed and distributed, Wicksteed Park has attended and completed the safety check – the report will be sent to The Parish Council and then forwarded to The Playspace Committee, and that we have completed the sponsored walk and a decision has been made as to a supplier of equipment we would like to be installed into The Playspace - See equipment for Playspace.

Finally we would like The Parish Council to consider funding for a gate to be fitted to the entrance to The Playspace from the Wood End Road public footpath. This would then secure the Playspace area for children using it and hopefully stop motorcycles and loose dogs gaining access.

ACTION: ALL - as many as possible to attend to show support for The Playspace.

EQUIPMENT FOR THE PLAYSPACE

The bit of the meeting that we had all been waiting for!

It was agreed by The Committee present (subject to approval by The Parish Council) that equipment made by "PLAYDALE" be purchased.

The equipment is predominantly made of wood and it was agreed that this was more "in keeping" with our rural setting.

It was agreed that the "Goal" at this time was to install a multi-purpose piece of equipment that offered climbing, sliding fun, balance training, hand and foot co-ordination and social skill training for an age range of 6 – 12 years, a basketball and football area, a youth shelter, seats and a rubbish bin, with a view later to replace both the baby and junior swings and make a patio area for adult seating and general entertainment.

Clearly this needs to be purchased in stages and a meeting is to be arranged with John Sandeman, representative of Playdale, to establish the exact cost and request a plan be made with the equipment selected that can be viewed.

It will then need to be decided what piece of equipment should be installed first, second and so on.

A massive step forward as we will be able visualise the "Aim of The Playspace".

ACTION: Debbie JAMES to arrange meeting with Playdale

**** ARRANGED FOR 12.30PM ON FRIDAY 16TH MAY 2003 ****

Depending on how many can attend will dictate the meeting place, please contact Debbie James if you are coming - 01234 84 11 92.

FUNDRAISING

Bev Rinvenuto stated that she would contact Nicky Darwood of Kempston Charities as it would appear that they offer grants to the local community for activities like ours.

ACTION: Bev RINVENUTO

The Bedfordshire County Council Community Fund offers grants of up to £250.00 for Voluntary organisations and Community Groups - we have the application form that needs to be submitted by 16.05.2003.

ACTION: Jon SHILLING and Debbie JAMES to complete application form and submit.

Ronnie Barclay to continue to contact The High Sheriff for information on grant to be obtained by Under 17's.

ACTION: Ronnie BARCLAY

ANY OTHER BUISNESS

Various Fund-raising ideas were put forward including a photographer to be sourced for "Family Portraits".

ACTION: Bev RINVENUTO to obtain details.

A Beach Party was suggested to take place at The Cross Keys on Saturday 30th August 2003.

ACTION: Petra LONGHORN to be main organiser.

The "Adult Entertainment Night" with a meal/ trip to theatre to be arranged.

ACTION: Debbie JAMES to find out what shows are on in Milton Keynes and Northampton.

Grand Opening of Fence and Sports Day to be added to agenda for next meeting.

Second edition of Newsletter to be added to agenda for next meeting for discussion on date of publication.

NEXT MEETING

MONDAY 2ND JUNE 2003

8.00PM

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