

KEMPSTON RURAL PLAYSPLACE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD
THURSDAY 6TH MAY 2004

CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

Present: Frances White, Ronnie and Millie Barclay, Chris Lowe, Tanya Collins, Darren Pritchett, Debbie James, Bev Rinvenuto, Phillippa Stanbridge, Hilary and Zoë Turwicz, Maria Robinson, Jon Shilling (13)

Apologies: Nil

Meeting Started at 8.15pm

Minutes of Meeting Held 01.04.2004

No Issues raised.

Treasury Report

Hilary has amended the accounts in order that it can be clearly seen what money is 'Restricted' for specific items of equipment, applied for by grants and what has been raised by our events.

Restricted	Balance
£8,368.00	£4,083.40

The total does not include money not held in our account that has been promised to us, i.e. £1000 from the Bedfordshire Police Partnership Trust and £8000 from The Bedford Charity (The Harpur Trust).

Due to this format it is easy to see how much has actually been raised by our own efforts which was agreed was a fantastic sum to date and how much we are supported by outside funding, which shows confidence and support in The Playspace.

Easter Fun Day and Easter Egg

At the risk of sounding repetitive another Great Day for fun, meeting up with everyone and fundraising.

Jon thanked everyone that turned and gave their time and showed support for The Playspace to make it such a good event.

In total £473.55 was raised which is a fantastic sum. From this total the Easter Egg still needs to be paid for, approximately £35 when the invoice arrives.

Fundraising Applications

Jon said the applications for Living Spaces, part of the National Lottery and Charles Wells had been submitted.

To date he had not had a response from either, he estimated that it would be a few weeks yet before any response was given from Charles Wells, he was surprised that there had been no correspondence from Living Spaces, as on the application form it clearly said that a representative would be allocated within a month. It was discussed that this maybe due to the amount of Bank Holidays there have been.

This application to be chased up.

Action: Jon to chase up Living Spaces.

Parish Council Meeting

Chris informed us that at the last Parish Council meeting there had not been enough Councillors present to meet the minimum required and hence no decisions had been made.

Their solicitor was not present and therefore we do not have an update as to the ownership issue.

The next meeting is on **Thursday 20th May 2004 - 7 .30 pm at Church End**

Chris will not be able to attend this meeting, so as many of us as possible to go.

Meet at the Cross Keys at 7.15pm. The issue of the gate at the end of the footpath needs to be addressed to request the Parish Council pay for this in order the area can be made secure.

Action: All

Letter of Commitment

Jon and Chris have spent some time in preparing a first draft letter to the Parish Council, for the Parish Council to sign to assure us of their commitment to The Playspace.

Comments were invited and the letter will now be written.

Tanya said that she had a friend with a legal background and prior to the letter being sent to the Parish Council, it was agreed the letter was to be viewed by this friend.

Action: Draft letter to be revised with comments made and letter to be viewed by Legal friend.

Purchase of Equipment

***** It was agreed that we would order and purchase our first piece of equipment Basket and Football area! *****

The total cost of this item, including VAT is £8,939.40

The Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity donated £7,000 and the balance has been raised by us.

Darren agreed to be 'Project Manager' and liaise with Playdale when delivery time known to oversee installation.

Action: Debbie to confirm that price is correct and places the order.

(Update since the meeting - price confirmed, order placed and delivery expected to be in 7 weeks time - mid July 2004)

Maintenance of Playspace

There were no new issues with the equipment to date and the book was still in circulation.

Maintenance Day

The Maintenance day went ahead, despite the minutes not being published, the organised few turned up and cleared and tidied up the area.

Jon thanked those who did attend. Arnie had come down with his petrol strimmer and done the edges which were in desperate need of trimming. He also thanked Frances and Roger for saving the day and cutting the grass in time for the Easter Event.

Maintenance to be put onto the agenda in July.

Grass Cutting

Angela has decided not to continue to cut the grass in The Playspace. She did do an excellent job and her efforts were thanked.

Robert, Bev's son has brought a lawnmower that will cut the grass and has agreed to take on this task and has done it 4 – 5 times since the Easter Event. This was agreed.

It was also agreed that for April 2004 the £22 available should be split equally between Frances and Robert.

Action: Hilary to pay Frances and Robert. Bev to inform Robert that he has the job!

Footpath

As we all know the Public access to The Playspace is along the footpath from Wood End Road. The only other access is by kind permission of Simon Thomas across his field.

There is no record on any official documentation or maps that the footpath exists. The footpath is the access for the flats but Pilgrims have informed Debbie do not have any record that they own it.

The County Council has been contacted with a view to making this an official Public Footpath in order to secure access to The Playspace. They have been sent a letter detailing the fact that it was originally access to the allotments, some 52 years ago!

A reply has been received by The Assistance Definitive Map Officer who states they are looking into this and will respond soon.

Newsletter

It was agreed that we would aim to publish our next newsletter for delivery in time for September 2004, to update the locals of our achievements during the summer, especially the installation of our first piece of equipment and fundraising events.

A sub-committee was formed with Hilary, Maria, Bev and Debbie agreeing to prepare this.

Action: Sub-Committee

Any Other Business

Chris said that Borough Councillor Celia Handbury was going to organise a 'Litter Day' where residents picked up litter and wanted to know if there was any interest. There was enthusiasm for this and Chris was asked to find out more details.

Our Next Fundraising Event was discussed. Date for your Diary:

Saturday 17th July 2004

BBQ & Fun Day

Sub-Committee volunteers to date: Bev, Tanya, Phillipa, Julie, Hilary and Debbie.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

THURSDAY 3RD JUNE 2004

8.00PM

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ALL WELCOME