

KEMPSTON RURAL PLAYSPLACE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2002 AT THE CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

PRESENT: Debbie JAMES, Tanya COLLINS, Jon SHILLING, Ellis WALKER, Mick WARD, Maria ROBINSON, Hilary TUREWICZ, Zoë TUREWICZ, Faye TUREWICZ, Ronnie BARCLAY, Frances WHITE, Petra LONGHORN, Steve CLARKE.

APOLOGIES: Bev RIVENUTO

Meeting opened at 8.10pm.

Minutes of the last meeting agreed.

HALLOWEEN & FIREWORK FANCY DRESS PARTY.

Due to a prior booking at the Cross Keys on Saturday 2nd November it was not the most convenient day for the party so it was agreed that it would take place on Sunday 3rd November 2002, starting at 4.30pm.

This event has been organised not as a money-making event but a social gathering to ensure that we all keep in touch.

There would then be games for the children that attended, to be organised by Faye and Zoë TUREWICZ, as they already had been thinking about this and had a long list of games at the ready.

Action: Faye and Zoë TUREWICZ

Petra LONGHORN stated that the pub would be decorated for the event and that she would make some cakes with appropriate designs. Maria ROBINSON also said that she would make a cake and Ronnie BARCLAY kindly offered to tell Millie to make a cake too!!!

Action: Anyone else that wishes to make a cake.

Petra also stated that she had some sweets to be able to give away as prizes and for the children that did attend, and the Committee agreed to spending another £10.00 on sweets.

Action: Petra and Eliot LONGHORN

It was agreed that there would be a prize for the best fancy dressed child, in two age groups: 10 and under and Over 10's of a £5.00 gift voucher that the Committee also agreed to buy.

Action: Hilary TUREWICZ.

It was agreed that there would be party games until approximately 6.30pm by which time the bonfire would be lit, and the fireworks would begin. Martin FULLER and his mate "Browser" will be in charge of the bonfire and the setting off of fireworks. A guy has been made by Phillip Rivenuto and will be sacrificed on the bonfire. The car park will be "taped off" so that a viewing area is allocated and no cars can use that area and the bonfire will also be "taped off" to give a safety area.

It was agreed that parents or a responsible adult especially in this area should supervise all children.

Action: Martin FULLER and "Browser"

The Committee asked for donations of fireworks or money to buy fireworks at which point "John The Train" made a very kind offer of money for fireworks. Any other offers will be greatly appreciated, and fireworks to be submitted to Martin or Browser on the day, and any money that anyone is prepared to give to be given to the Pub as soon as possible.

Action: All

A Raffle will also be running, with the £10.00 voucher from Sainsbury's probably being first prize. Any other donations for the raffle would also be very welcome. Again please drop anything off at the Pub.

Action: All, and Debbie JAMES on the day.

A poster had been made and will be distributed on Tuesday 29th to all houses along Wood End Road, Tithe Road and up to Gibraltar Corner to advertise this event.

Action: Debbie JAMES, Robert and Phillip RIVENUTO.

THANK YOU LETTER.

Ellis WALKER raised the question if a Thank You letter had been sent to the garage that donated the First Prize for the Driveway Sale. This had been unfortunately overlooked and it was agreed that a letter would be drafted and sent A.S.A.P.

Action: Ellis WALKER.

EQUIPMENT FOR PLAYSPLACE

There had supposed to be a meeting on Monday 21st October, but due to so many members being ill this had been cancelled at the last minute.

Andy LOWE had turned up, (amongst a few others) and had brought a catalogue with a picture and cost of the goal posts that he recommended. Mick WARD had seen this and stated that exactly the same posts were available to us, donated free of charge by Kempston Rural Lower School.

This was discussed and it was agreed that Mick WARD will pick up the posts, as there was no point in spending money on something that is being donated and then all that remains to be done is for the Parish Council to agree to place them in the Playspace. Once that agreement has been obtained then a decision needs to be made as to exactly where they should go and how to secure them.

Action: Mick WARD

The discussion continued on needing a "Grand Plan" for the area, and it is requested that members put their ideas down onto paper, and continue to look for catalogues/supplies of equipment and surfaces/cost and advice.

It is important that we have an overall plan in order that we know what we are aiming for in the area, and whilst this is accepted that this will not be achieved "overnight" it is hoped that by the end of Winter that a plan is available. If we are then unable to do it all at once then we can decide as a Committee what piece of equipment should be our next focus.

Action: ALL

WINTER CHECK OF PLAYSPLACE

Andy LOWE and his son had managed to rake the loose grass up and put it into a pile but it was impossible to burn it at that time.

It was decided that a clear up of this grass and a winter check along with a tidy up of the area is needed **SO:**

SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2002 - 10.00AM

Meet at the Playspace with rakes etc and bring a bin bag so if necessary we can put the rubbish into bags and dump them in our wheelie bins.

Action: ALL

PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES

The next meeting for the Parish Council is on **TUESDAY 19TH NOVEMBER 2002.**

We need to attend this meeting in order to gain approval for the goal posts to be situated.

At this meeting it would be idea to advise them that we would like a rubbish bin for the area. Mick WARD said that he would make enquiries with the refuse people as if we did have one who would empty it, and if they would supply a seat of some rustic description.

We would also like to bring to their attention that the Footpath leading from Wood End Road is in need of repair and is overgrown. We would like a “Dog” bin near to the area and that a boundary fence is required to stop the motorcyclists going into the area and Dog walkers cutting across the Playspace and fouling the area. (I think I mean the dogs not the Walkers but I am sure that someone will let me know if I am wrong!!!)

MEET AT CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE AT 7.15PM

Action: ALL

COMMITTEE NAME AND RULES

At a previous meeting it was suggested that we change our name to something similar to WOOD END COMMUNITY COMMITTEE, with the focus still being with the Playspace but also to include the Community as well.

Members at the meeting agreed that this should be a future aim, but it was decided to remain with the Playspace Committee at least up until the AGM in July 2003 for the following reasons:

When the Playspace was regenerated the Committee was elected to be a Playspace Committee and not a Community Committee and therefore without an agreement from the whole Community we should not presume that we could be a Community Committee.

The funds in the account at this time have been donated or raised for the Playspace Committee and not as a Community Committee and questions would have to be answered and decisions as should this be a separate or sub-committee.

The Playspace Committee feels at this time we would still like the focus to be on the Playspace, as we do not want to “Bite off more than we can chew” and we should at least have the Playspace running smoothly before anything more should be taken on.

It does not mean that if a member of the Community would like to try and get a project off the ground they could not approach the members of the Committee for assistance or advice, as clearly it would be the place to approach for volunteers.

It was agreed that due to the fact that we hold our meetings in the Pub, which is a Public Place, it is not possible or wanted that we hold "closed meetings". The decision made is that the meetings will be open to All, along with the minutes being made available on the notice board for anyone to read. If any person is disruptive then they will be asked to leave first by the Committee and then if required by Eliot.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

A newsletter was suggested. Being at periodical intervals and distributed to all of Kempston Rural.

This should be a matter put onto the agenda at the next meeting for a full discussion to take place.

Frances WHITE agreed to organise a circular 5 mile Sponsored Walk around Kempston Rural woods and countryside, ending up at the Pub for Tea and Cakes. This has been planned for the end of April 2003.

Mick WARD and Ronnie BARCLAY to make separate enquiries with supplies for seating for the Playspace.

NEXT MEETING

WEDNESDAY 20TH NOVEMBER 2002

8.00PM CROSS KEYS PUBLIC HOUSE

