

Friends of Palewell Common & Fields

Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 9 Mar 2020 at 7.00 pm at 22 Stonehill Road

Present: Jessica Rettie (Chair) Rikki Marks, James Thornton, David Evans.

1. Apologies for Absence: Bernard Adams, Justine Nagaur, Robyn Philipps, Andy Sutch, Dhun Kenny.
2. Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 Oct 2019: The Minutes were approved.
3. Matters Arising:
 - Jessica said the scrape had been too wet over the winter for any work - she would get back to Yvonne later in the year.
 - The Halloween event had been cancelled because of bad weather.
 - Jessica had spoken to Kate about the clubroom which was still not available for general use – e.g. for the Easter tennis course. Jessica said she would invite Yvonne to visit the clubroom and changing rooms to see what could be done. If the room is not going to be available for third parties would be best for this to be agreed and recognised.
 - The builders on Enmore Gardens had damaged the path behind the gardens. David would email Mat to make sure that action was taken to restore it so that we could lay woodchips later in the year.
 - Jessica said she would invite Parkguard to visit later in the year. We could mention the most recent incidents on the common.
 - Jessica would also follow up the possibility of a dementia friendly path.

Actions – members to complete the actions above

4. Finance report: In Andy Sutch's absence it was noted that the current balance was £3025.
5. Membership report: James reported that he had 55 names on his list to check but that it was difficult for him to tell who had paid electronically. James agreed to contact Andy to see what information he had. David agreed to do a general email to members asking them to renew as well as informing them about upcoming events.

Actions – James to contact Andy about subscriptions. David to send out an email to members.

6. Conservation report: Rikki said that she would try to arrange some more conservation days for later in the year when the weather was better. Possibilities included laying woodchips on the paths and further work on the scrape, frog pond and orchard.

Action – Rikki to arrange further conservation days.

7. Sports update: Jessica said that Kate was very concerned about the poor state of all the tennis courts – most of the adult coaching was now taking place at Sheen Common. She had also been upset to hear that Richmond was investing heavily in the Kneller Gardens courts (£100,000?) where there was no coaching. It was agreed that we should write to both the Council and local Councillors about this. Jessica and David would prepare suitable letters.

8. James said that his recent email (text attached) reported that there was little progress on golf and that it seemed unlikely that usage would grow. The recent break in of the golf hut had not helped matters. It was agreed that we should raise the issue of the future of golf at the AGM.

Action - Golf to be raised at the AGM.

9. Upcoming events: It was agreed that we would hold an Easter Egg hunt on Easter Sunday as normal. Jessica noted Bernard's offer of help and would work with him and other Committee members on the arrangements. Jessica would arrange for a poster and other publicity.

10. It was agreed to hold a spring litter pick on Saturday 4 April at 12.00. Jessica would make the arrangements.

11. It was agreed that the AGM will be on Monday 18 May. David will book the hall.

Actions - Our regular Easter Egg hunt will be held on 12 April.

- A litter pick will be held on 4 April*
- The AGM will be on 18 May.*

12. Any other business: Jessica said that she would be in touch with members about filling the office roles for the coming year. She had identified some good candidates for new Committee members. David said he would be happy to continue as secretary for one more year.

13. Next meeting: It was agreed that David would send round an email to see if members wanted to have another meeting ahead of the AGM on one of 27, 28 or 29 April.

Action: David to ask members about the possibility of a meeting on these dates.

14. The meeting closed at 8.05pm.