

## Minutes of the Friends of Spencer Park Management Committee

Monday Sept.2<sup>nd</sup>. 2019

Present :- Karen Berry, Pat Ryan, Jane Donovan, Anthony Godber, Liz Bayton, Helen Spence, , Ken Taylor, Carol Bayliss, Helen Elias, Zilpha Reed

1. **Apologies:-** Paul Smith, Tim Brooks, Scott Crowther, Debbie Riordan
2. **Minutes of previous meeting.** Accepted.
3. **Pavilion sub group:-** Concern was expressed that no progress was being made towards the long term renovation of the pavilion. Jane has resigned from the committee. As the committee lacks expertise It was felt that either we look for a volunteer project manager or instead of a complete renovation we continue to make inexpensive improvements to the pavilion. The other changing room will soon be available so that we as a group could work on that. This would provide more space for activities and it might be possible to buy oil filled radiators to enable the rooms to be used outside the summer months. Tim Fox has been invited to the next committee meeting, so it was agreed to defer a decision till then.
4. **Party Bookings:-** Jane has had some problems setting up a system but is happy to administer the scheme. Anthony is going attach a booking system to the web site so all bookings can go through it and payment can be taken in advance. The party on September 7<sup>th</sup> will be covered by Karen, Helen E. and Carol in order from 12 till 6. September 8<sup>th</sup> is covered by Debbie and Liz and Pat will cover Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.
5. **Events:-** Some of the information Pat has been sending out about income eg. £700+ from the dog show – has not been getting to committee members so she has asked us to use her personal email address which she will circulate. It was felt that we could charge more for coca cola and some ice-creams. September 27<sup>th</sup>. -**Macmillan Coffee morning** 11-1. Anthony will design a poster which he will post on Facebook and Helen will share it with other groups. Jane will make cakes. **Choir concert** September 28<sup>th</sup>.- we need to be there at 6.30 pm to set up. Peter Elias is compering. Karen needs raffle prizes – alcohol is permitted. We need to sell tickets. Helen E will ask John Taylor to sell them in the shop. **Big Clean Up** – Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>. Clean up 10-11, bacon butties 11-12. **Pumpkin event** Oct 26<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 6pm Prizes for pumpkins and costumes. Sub committee to establish categories for the costumes as the judging process needs to be speeded up and seen to be fairer. There will also be a bat hunt. Anthony will produce a poster and send Helen E a black and white version for Facebook. Jane will provide soup and give it to Carol. **Santa event** – Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> 1 -3pm

6. **Tennis:-** There are now 110 family memberships. Karen was unsure whether the children's coaching sessions would continue as not many children attended and we need a new level 2 coach. Would reverting to adult coaching be more popular? Committee members offered to help staff the sessions if they continue next summer. Facebook could be used to help players find partners.
7. **Gardening** will be on the first Saturday of the month, - Sept. 7<sup>th</sup>. and on Thursday evenings from 6.30pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>. and 26<sup>th</sup>.
8. **AOB:-** Scott Crowther would like to plant a tree in memory of Ben. He suggested apple trees, perhaps in an orchard. This would need to be on the large park. An oak would not be feasible. Zilpha suggested a golden tree such as a yellow flowered magnolia or golden elm. It could be located in the gap by the bowling green or by the tennis courts. Karen will discuss feasibilities with Dave Lewis and then contact Scott. The committee would be willing to pay for the tree if Scott pays for the memorial plaque.
9. **Next meetings :-, October 7<sup>th</sup>, November 4<sup>th</sup> and December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

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