



MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BRANKSOME WEST
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

1st Floor, the Pavilion

Branksome Recreation Ground

Meeting 25th July 2012, 7.30pm

Attending:-

Chairman Jacqui Wilson

Treasurer Diane Wyatt

Committee Members Andrew Borrill
 Jill Coombes
 Trevor Wyatt
 Ruth McCullough
 Lynne Drewitt

Guest Martin Whitchurch

Appologies Colin Jones, Vic Humphries



1. Welcome and Introduction

Jacqui Wilson welcomed the members to the meeting and our guest speaker Martin Whitchurch.

2. Matters Arising

Amendment of the date to the next Residents meeting. Date changed to the 25th July 2012.

3. Guest Speaker

Martin Whitchurch, Poole council's Greenspace Development Officer, gave us a speech on his responsibilities.

The QEII Fields In Trust application for Branksome Recreation Ground is proceeding and a positive outcome is expected in the next couple of months.

When (and if) the application is successful, a FIT plinth will be placed on the Recreation ground. This was discussed and it was decided that the plinth should go on the corner of the Recreation ground facing the Alder Rd/Recreation Rd junction.

Funding of £60,000 should become available when the Recreation ground gets the FIT status.

The Green Gym equipment has been installed on the Recreation ground and is proving to be popular.

Discussion about new facilities that could be made available on/around the Recreation ground. Martin has asked us if we could put together a wish list of improvements for next year.

Cllr Marion Lepoidevin has visited the Boys Club on the Recreation ground and they have suggested that a Tennis court would be welcome.



4. Questions & Answers

Questions, to Martin Whitchurch, from the floor -

- (a) Can we have a Christmas Tree on the Rec? Unfortunately not as funding for these is very tight this year.
- (b) Is it possible for some new trees to be planted on the Recreation ground as some have been uprooted/damaged? This may be possible but it would require larger more mature trees to be planted.
- (c) Is there a dedication scheme for new trees? A dedication scheme did exist at one time but is no longer in operation.

5. Chairman's Report

Discussion about Match funding and how we can take this forward, also can we make use of Bequeath funding for which a list is kept at the local library.

Not able to get to the Area committee meeting last time, but it's a useful forum for raising issues as the meeting is attended by ward councillors. Next Area committee meeting is in October and should be advertised in the Advertiser.

Members of the committee attended a meeting with Tesco's who have a community champion. Meeting was useful and some initiatives will probably be taken up.

We are currently negotiating, with the council via Judy Butt, to get regular use the Pavilion for our Residents meetings. This is intended to give us a more permanent venue for the future, but this will be dependent on cost. We have also had discussions with the Boys club about hiring a room.

Question from the floor regarding the status of the Cedars? The site is still up for sale.



Suggestion from the floor about running a Café from the Pavilion , but would probably require someone to run it commercially.

6. Treasurer's Report

Diane gave the following report for Quarter 2:

Expenses for the Quarter: 328.44

(This includes renewal of our Insurance at £235.28, Liability has been increased to £10 million pounds)

Income: £249, of which £164 was raised from the Dog Show.

Current A/C Balance: £73.30

Savings A/C Balance: £1,200.12

7. Planning Report

Not given as Colin absent.

8. Events

A suggestion from the floor, to run/take part in a Jumble Sale to raise some funds.

A suggestion from the floor to hold/take part in a Carol service.

9. AOB

A suggestion from the floor, to encourage residents to attend our meetings might be to issue raffle tickets at each meeting. These would then used in a raffle at our annual Christmas party.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 17th October, 7.30pm.

Meeting concluded: 9.00 pm.