



Minutes of meeting dated 3 August 2016

Present: Sue, Keith, Alison, Tony and Garry

Apologies: Sue Shanks, Clive and Joe

Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Mike ward has decided that because of work commitments, he will not now be able to join the committee.

The committee reminded itself that the minutes of committee meetings would published on our website, in line with the decision made at the previous meeting.

The timescales for the CMP have become unclear and are in danger of slipping. Tony offered to contact the council to clarify what is happening.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report

It was noted that the bank balance currently stands at £1,501 and that we have 364 registered members.

It was also reported that Joe has been chasing up the Tesco grant application and will apply for a council grant to support our Halloween event later in the year.

Anston House

Sue reported that we had received very little correspondence regarding the planning application, although we had been made aware of 2 local groups who would like FoPP to object. The committee agreed unanimously that we had made our decision not to object based on our understanding of the facts, and had taken into

account that our mandate stops at the park boundary. We agreed not to revisit this decision.

Photo competition

So far, eight people have submitted a total of 14 images. Unfortunately Preston Pages had failed to publish our advert.

We agreed that the top prize would be a £100 pounds and Keith volunteered to approach park cameras in Burgess Hill to see if they would contribute in some way. A place on one of their photography courses would represent an acceptable and approve alternative.

Sue will try to get some mention in the leader, and Alison will try to get the competition promoted at the park run.

Judging is Tuesday 6 September and an exhibition of shortlisted entries will be held in the men's bowls pavilion over the weekend of 17 & 18 September, 10.30 am - 4 PM. Sue and Clive will run the Saturday and Tony (AM) followed by Alison PM on the Sunday.

Sue will liaise with Garry over the collection of exhibition boards, ballot box etc, and advise Tony/Alison of the padlock number for the pavilion.

PSPO's

The council have approved the future use of PSPO's, to include Preston Park. The date for implementation is not clear and Sue will ask the council to pro-actively keep us informed.

Succession planning

Tony confirmed that he will be stepping down at the next AGM, having moved away from Brighton. It was agreed that Sue will email all members, highlighting the urgent need to recruit at the very least a vice chair. This needs to be done before the next committee meeting.

Halloween walk

We agreed that the event would be held on Saturday 29 October, 6 - 8pm.

The outline action plan is as follows:

Sue to email Rob Walker, asking that Garry be authorised to support us; book men's bowls pavilion; order the pumpkins and source a caterer

Tony to ask Ian Taylor if we need to formally apply for consent (and Alison will help draft an application if this is required)

Alison will support Sue with any detailed planning, purchasing of supplies, prizes etc

Garry pumpkin carving, subject to authorisation from line management

Keith will provide the PA, music, dry ice and lighting

At our next meeting on 19 October we will finalise all of the arrangements.

All committee members to make a diary note of the date and time of the event please if they available.

Pride

The opportunity to ask pride for a donation will be progressed by Joe. We may, however, be required to bid for money from the community fund, as per last year.

Tony will try to find out if the council have yet spent the £750 that we secured for them, for use in the children's playground.

AOB

We were reminded by Garry about the upcoming BBQ for volunteer groups - and it was suggested that people take some drink and food along to share. A lot of people are expected, so the queues for food could be long!

Next newsletter to include;

A reminder about the photo competition

Need for a new vice chair

Halloween date - advanced notice for members

Next meeting

19 October, 6 pm, usual venue. The main focus will be the Halloween event.