



Friends of High Lane and Brookside Parks

Date of Meeting : 08th August 2019 High Lane Village Hall 7:30 pm

Facilitator : Ann Young, Chair

Attendees : Ann Young (AY), Denise Gillingham (DG), Karen Bennett (KB), Karen Davenport (KD)

Apologies : Yvonne Collier, Denise D'Ambra, Angela Scarr

AY opened meeting .

Updates

Website – this has now been designed and set up. The page is www.highlaneparks.co.uk The cost of this is £200 which is to be split between the three High Lane Parks (approx £67 per park) Due to be paid one year post design and set up.

Plants – the Council have reimbursed £130.00 for the plants. This was not quite enough to cover the full cost, but £39.00 was made from Brookside School Fair which can be put towards this.

Grants – AY has secured £500.00 from the Stockport Local Fund. The Council need to send a contract out before sending the monies. This money is to be put towards the 3 benches for High Lane Park which should be installed by the end of the year.

AY has applied for £2,000.00 from the Peoples Post Code Lottery, we will know if this is successful by 5th September.

We should hear by October whether the applications to Co-Op and Vernon have been successful.

AY has applied again to the Carling Fund, previously they have said that they cannot provide grants for things for children, so AY has re-applied to see if they will grant funds for an outdoor cinema fundraiser event.

Richard Booker previously advised AY and D D'A that the swings in the children's play area in High Lane Park are old and will require replacing. New ideas equipment ideas were discussed and following on from this, Richard has sent the group costing's for equipment to include new toddler and children's swings, a trampoline and roundabout, all with disabled access. This will cost in the region of £32,000.00

Upcoming Events

Dog Show – 7th September

AY and KB have put up all the signs. Another sign will be put up at the A555 junction.

DD has advertised event in the Marple Review and St Thomas' Church magazine.

DD/AY have visited the local businesses we had not approached last year – not with great success. AY updated from list provided by D D'A of stalls attending. Looking good so far!!

Raffle prizes so far are MOT from Hillcrest Garage, blow dry from the Colourist, cut and blow from The Blonde Company, bouquet from LA, bottle of wine Ian Tongue, Simon Dunn £5 voucher, two large bags of swizzle sweets from New Horizons Ltd. More raffle prizes and adult winner prizes are needed. Waitrose have advised they are going to donate D D'A will contact for update.

Oscars Pet Foods are to donate doggie goody bags for winners of dog categories.

YC has got the certificates and rosettes for both Adult and Child category winners and also some sought after designer painted pebbles for child winners. AY concerned no children's prizes for category winners. Post discussion it was decided that pebbles with a bag of sweets and a doggy treat bag for the dog would be more than enough.

High Lane Scouts have agreed to loan the Friends some benches for seating which is to be located close to food area. They are also going to undertake and provide activities on the day to raise funds for the scouts. Small donation to the park group to be requested.

Timings / prices –

Event runs from 12.30 – 4.30. Registration 12.30, Dog Agility at 1pm.

£2.00 per category, £5.00 for three categories, dog agility £3.00. No category timings as these are to be fluent. Entrants to be advised to listen out for their PA category call. Dog Agility to go first.

Raffle tickets £1.00 a strip.

There are 15 places for the dog agility, Absolute Canine have own prizes for this, we will provide rosettes.

Prizes will be given out after each category with the raffle at the end of the day.

On the day -

AY ordered 3 tables – one for the group, one for the face painter, one for the WI. Also ordered are x 3 gazebos, 8 chairs and 4 bins. KB and AY also have gazebos to bring.

YC is doing PA on the day. YC has rope for the arena. AY to check whether YC can obtain stakes to secure rope. There is no mesh netting available this year Absolute Canine are aware and have advised that dog owners will need to be advised on registration for agility, dogs will be off lead for this category.

Other activities, there are three manned inflatables, not paid for these but will get 20% of the money taken.

The St Thomas's church choirmaster will man the penalty shootout. Keep monies raised to help with church choir.

Scouts – archery and rope climb.

Face painter – Discussion was had re the cost of paying for this activity. AY to agree cost and finalise the arrangements.

New Horizons have Splat The Rat

Event Volunteers to arrive at 8:30am to set up event,(rope arena, gazebo's and mark out the pitch plot area allocations with numbered flags held in place by tent pegs)

AY is to undertake a pitch stall allocation chart, copies to be given to allocated vehicle event marshalls. We will be using walkie talkies to confirm to AY and those marshalling traffic when stall holders arrive so they can be directed to their plot. YC will undertake a short teaching session on how to use walkie talkies prior to start time.

Stallholders will be allowed to set up from 10.30 onwards and must be set up by 12.30. They can park behind their stall or at the side of the Village Hall if field too wet. No vehicle to be parked on the pitch area

We have access to the small hall from 12.00 for tea and biscuits and use of the toilets. First AID is to be sited here. KB to design sign for outside the hall.

Additional car parking provision has been agreed with the Conservative Club. KB to make a sign to advise of this. Sign to be placed on one of our boards and secured to a post in car park

Needed -

Donations of biscuits, sugar and milk.

Volunteers ! People needed to set up, direct stall holders, do the registrations (3 people), serve the teas (2 people or a few people taking turns) and to sell raffle tickets. At the end of the day we need to clear up/empty bins and supervise the vehicles coming off the fields.

Please contact AY if you can volunteer.

Future Events

The outdoor cinema was discussed again, the group agrees that this would be a great event, High Lane Cricket Club have agreed that it could be hosted at the club. Fingers crossed for the Carling Grant to fund the event !

Fete at Brookside Park – May next year.

Santa Dash – date confirmed as 7th December.

AOB

No meeting in September due to the dog show. Next meeting, Thursday 10th October.

YC wants to get involved with decorating the A6 for the Tour de France – she has got some old bikes to be painted – if anyone wants to volunteer to help, please get in touch with YC.

Meeting finished at 9.10pm