

Minutes of Carbrooke Millennium Green 1st November 2019

Apologies for absence Will and Mike

Minutes of last meeting on 4th Oct approved

Matters arising

Edit reported back from school meeting regarding concerns about dog mess. The children would be pleased to design posters to highlight the problem and the school appreciates that it is difficult for the trustees to ensure a totally clean environment for school activities.

The provision of a dog poo bag dispenser was discussed but the cost of a substantial installation was agreed to be prohibitive. Perhaps a small box fixed to the fence by the entrance may suffice. The provision of an additional poo bin and or litter bin near the pond where the new picnic bench is to be sited to be explored. Paul to look at costings.

Edit has placed a notice on the MG facebook page highlighting the issue with dog waste and appealing for help from dog walkers. Similarly a notice has been placed on Facebook indicating the schedule of school activities on the green.

Chairman's report

Community payback workers have cleared the area where the new picnic bench is to be sited and the area around the bonfire site. They will be asked to move the debris from near the pond to the bonfire site and trustees will have a bonfire on 8th Nov at noon. The workers will also be asked to clear and rake the wildflower area between the maze and the wood and trim the hedge between the greens and the car park.

Secretary's report

not available as absent from meeting

Treasurers report

Current bank balance £4704.47 which includes £1300 grant from parish council towards insurance for the green. Payments have been made into account from donations and payments for bird box sponsorship. It is not clear that the donations made via Facebook following the fete have found their way to the MG account from PayPal, Edit and Helen to investigate. Advertising payment of £150 by cheque from SuBridge may have been mislaid, Edit to speak to SuBridge if not found. It may be more efficient for further smaller donations to be paid to trustees in cash and then paid by the trustee by bank transfer to the MG account.

Maintenance committee report

Winter jobs to include servicing machinery, cutting back overhanging branches on walkways. The play area grass needs mowing Trevor C and Jerry to action

Costing of suitable wild life camera to be investigated by Paul

The main gate lock was found to be defective and has been replaced with a key lock. Edit to inform the school and give Trevor C and Jerry as contacts if they need to have vehicular access to the green.

Fund raising committee report

Bird box sponsorships now up to 30 boxes which should generate £300. Need to find more free wood to maximise profit. Helen suggested look at sponsored bat boxes, Jerry to investigate. The Breckland lottery currently only has 8 regular weekly tickets supporting the green but this alone will generate £208 per annum. We all need to encourage more support as this is an easy win for the green funds.

Dog show still work in progress and use of amphitheatre for live performances being investigated. The Give as you live shopping platform to be promoted in the run up to Christmas; giveasyoulive.com there is also an App available.

A further 6 sponsorship for advertising letters have been sent out to local businesses in the last month with no response. Jerry to try another 6 targets.

AOB None

Date of next meeting Friday Dec 6th 2019

