

**Meeting attended by Francis Rowland, Rikki Marks, Robin Laidlaw, Jacqui Pattison, Andy Sutch**  
**Apologies: Angela Howorth, Dhun Kenny, Bernard Adams**

1. **Pavilion.** Minutes of cabinet meeting received – see below. We agreed that Robin will continue to lead our activities in this area and that we are now waiting for a date to meet with the planning department.
2. **Dog Fouling.**
  - a. Concern that people are picking up dog mess but leaving bags along the paths. One reason may be shortage of bins. Also, some of the old bins are rotting and likely to break. Agreed that Francis will raise this with Park's department.
  - b. Francis explained that discussions had taken place with the park's team to increase awareness of the problems with dog fouling. One idea is to nominate a day when the Friends can go around the fields and place a small flag next to every incident of dog fouling. We can take photos for notice boards and publicity and hand out leaflets to increase awareness of the problem and health risks associated with this. John Holroyd is trying to source some leaflets that have been used for this issue. Regular dog walkers can then hand out leaflets to encourage other dog walkers to get involved in helping to keep park clean. The issue will also be discussed at the AGM.
3. **Table & Benches.**
  - a. Discussed need for picnic table and, eventually, additional benches. We agreed that we do not have funds for a permanent bench, similar to those in the play area, and that this is probably not required (£700- £1000). Andy confirmed that he has sourced picnic tables for other sites at around £300 and he will look at what is available. Park's department is also researching what they can source and any funding assistance.
  - b. We will also look for sponsors. Andy will check with the Hare & Hounds to see if they have any tables that they no longer require or if they will sponsor a new one? Robin agreed to talk to Waitrose to see if they will replace the one that was destroyed or provide a collection as one of their Community Projects. We can also approach Tesco and Homebase as suitable sponsors.
4. **Graffiti.** John & Gaye made a note of all current graffiti on Pavilion and Park Wall and will arrange for this to be removed. We agreed that The Friends will continue to monitor this and report any new incidents to the Parks' Department.
5. **Environmental activities & projects.** Francis reviewed the ideas that had been discussed with the council about cooperative projects for the development of The Common. (See agenda). We agreed to review these to the AGM and see if we get community support. Francis will arrange for a large scale map to be annotated and displayed at the meeting.
6. Peter Dunning should be informed of the proposals and informed that **Membership Cards** dated through to August 09 will remain valid to July 2010. FCR
7. **Café room.** We would like to make the old café available for the Summer Event and July Play Week. Ideally, this room can then be made available for visiting cricket teams and other community activities. Francis will review this with Peter Dunning (as Mark stores tennis kit in there) and see if we can use it for visitors. We will also review with the council to ensure that insurance, security & maintenance have been addressed.
8. **AGM & Open Meeting** - confirmed for April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at All Saints Hall.
  - a. The Committee agreed to arrive at 7:00 pm to finalise preparation and welcome guests.
  - b. Will invite local police to attend and meet the public – FR
  - c. It would be good to have a local celebrity to join the Friends and attend the meeting. Robin agreed to contact Trevor MacDonald and/or Andrew Marr. Other suggestions welcomed.
  - d. Need to send invitation to our local councillors (we expect Nikki Urquart to attend), Susan Kramer & Zac Goldsmith
  - e. FR will chair meeting & do report on past year. Andy will report on Accounts, membership fees and need for contributions & plans/budget for the future. Francis & Andy will work on the future budget proposals.
  - f. We will send out nomination form for officers and committee as part of AGM notice. It will be sent by email (post for those members not on email). A leaflet will be developed and a drop will be planned, hopefully for Easter weekend – Robin to organise. Francis will contact LBRuT to see if they will print the leaflets.
  - g. Possibility of getting Soft Ball equipment presented by Sheen Sports - Andy
  - h. In the 'Open Event' we will consult with the community about our 'plans for the environment', encourage new members, donations, volunteers etc
  - i. Pavilion – Robin to provide feedback & update. (Wonder whether Mr Chadwick would like to attend?)
  - j. Richmond Parking charges – remind people of the impact and ensure that they respond to the consultation process
  - k. Agenda etc will be shared by committee using email – no additional meeting is required.
9. **Summer Event** – date agreed as SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> June.
  - a. Not a good time for planting or other activities but we will inform them of BTCV days and an Autumn Planting event.
  - b. Organise sporting activities including:
    - i. Volley Ball – Andy to see if Richmond will provide a demo team and possibly sitting Volley Ball demo & activity.
    - ii. Soft Ball – if we have got it, organise some teams

- iii. 7-a-side football - Andy to explore
- iv. Cricket – possibility of a match – Andy
- v. Pitch & Putt and Tennis – Francis to discuss with Peter Dunning
- c. Nature Walk – Francis to explore with LBRuT
- d. School Band or choir – Francis to contact Tower House & East Sheen Primary. Robin to talk to Sheen Mount. Need to check on entertainment license for music etc – Francis.
- e. Invite Police to do bicycle marking and security awareness.
- f. Any other ideas welcomed.
- g. Plan a short review of event plan (and outcome of AGM) at **6:15 pm on Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 53 Enmore Gardens**

## Minutes of Council Meeting of 23 April 2009

### REFURBISHMENT OF PALEWELL PAVILION AND SALE OF EXTENDED FORMER CARETAKERS HOUSE, PALEWELL.

This report seeks to obtain authority for the preferred option for refurbishment of Palewell Pavilion.

Report of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources **attached**.

Minutes:

- (1) That the principle of refurbishment of the existing pavilion funded from the sale of an extended former caretaker's house be approved, details to be worked up in consultation with the Friends of Palewell Common and Fields, having regard to the need for any revenue costs to be self financing.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources to agree the final scheme.
- (3) That Officers be authorised to submit a planning application once the final scheme is agreed.

Cabinet heard representations from Mr Laidlaw for the Friends of Palewell Common and Fields, which included the following points.

- The pavilion had been vacant for more than three years
- Significant refurbishment was needed but there had been a lack of consultation with the community
- The building needed to provide a focus for community use of the common and facilities for a wide range of sporting activities alongside football
- A more flexible solution was needed
- The building might include a caf and meeting room
- More consideration needed to be given to which part of the building was sold and what was retained for community use.

The Cabinet heard from Councillor Urquhart who considered that the major fault with both of the proposed options was that community space was subsumed into the bungalow. There was a loss of community space and overgenerous facilities for sports. Consultation would have allowed a better outcome.

Cabinet was advised that the intent of the report was to establish the principle for a scheme. The starting point was to consider self-funding options. This was a broad brush scheme and there was scope for detailed consultation to take place.

The reasons for the decision and any alternative options considered and rejected are set out in the report.

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