



**FRIENDS OF PICNIC IN THE PARK COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
14/08/12**

Attendance/Register

Present - Kelly, Stephen, Katherine, Sonia, Jay, Jacqueline, John, Becky, Kirsty, Caron, Nichola, Christine

Apologies - Roy, Alan, Sharon, Julie, Richard, David

Absent - Karen, Amanda

Welcome to new members - Angela, Andrew

Review of last meeting minutes - all agreed no amendments to be made

Leaflet drop

SS said holidays have meant less bodies available to help and also less people home. Special mention to JO'C who was heroic in his leaflet distribution.

Overall there was lots of positive comments re the leaflet and this meant also that many people were expecting the bucketeers.

CH suggested that the comment on the leaflet regarding £4 per family was possibly misleading. Suggesting we required the £4 as a donation. We need to revisit this on any future publications.

Bucketeeing

As K McD-F has been away she asked for an update from everyone as to how the bucketeeing has been going in her absence, there was lots of comments so in no particular order - the majority of people were ready for our visit and supportive, one householder commented that "the community association has enough money in it's bank account"(SS explained how a reserve account works), SD & JD collected from Island Hall and The Mayor of Godmanchester Mr Vane-Percy said we could count on him to support us, many bucketeers reported being given notes, some were recognised and followed by

people to put money in, one householder thought these events were the Town Councils responsibility to pay for, many elderly residents were donating even though they were unlikely to attend, most bucketeers enjoyed themselves, some foreign residents who did not speak English or understand what we were doing donated anyway, as did a brand new resident who had just moved in, JD was asked why PiP 2012 wasn't covered by insurance SS explained that you cannot insure against a loss which was what was expected, KD said that most understood that we were trying to preserve a community event.

Total as of 14/08/12 for bucketeering is £2007.12

One of our volunteers SH left "sorry I missed you" cards giving her address to drop donations off at.

There are several roads still to be completed

K McD-F/KG to do Comben Drive, Jarwood Walk, Cow Lane

J O'C to do Roman Way

BS to do Harcourt, Almond Close, Meadow Way, Cambridge Villas

KD to do Crowhill, Thickwillow, Bergamont Close

K McD-F/AD to do Porch Close, Grainger Avenue, Littlefield Close, Sears Close

Still available are Cambridge Street, Clyde Yard, Laroc Close, Buttermel Close, Brick Kilns, Ferndown Drive, Golden Rod

We hope that last few remaining streets can be completed by the weekend.

Link on Godmanchester Community Association Website

This link is now active and takes you to our charity giving page, our meeting minutes and future events. More information regarding Friends of PiP activity can be added over time.

SS suggested we all try to get more members to our Friends of PiP Facebook group to spread the word. Add all of your family/friends!!

Easyfundraising/Easysearch

£36.31 raised so far. This is a good amount and as an incentive K McD-F has revealed that just by using the site she was entered into a draw and won an iPad! Special thanks to JW for her contribution.

Online Giving

www.charitygiving.co.uk/friendsofpip total raised £168.00 as of 14/08/12

Petition

Lots more signatures received whilst the bucketeers were out. SS will count up and post amount on Friends of Pip Facebook page.

Questions raised as to who to handle passing the petition to the Town Council, following a letter from a member of the public. We will add this item to the next meeting agenda as we need more group discussion on this point. Although we have agreed to continue collecting signatures in the mean time.

K McD-F to amalgamate the online signatures with the hard copies.

Waitrose tokens

Application has been filled. Response pending.

Jacksons

SS to contact when able.

Round button badges

A few were made and have been worn by the bucketeers. We will discuss making/selling for future events at the next meeting.

Template local business letter

KD has drafted a letter for us to use to contact all Godmanchester businesses asking for their financial support. Some suggestions for ammendments were made. KD to ammend. She will also research and send to all Godmanchester business addresses. SS will follow up with phone call. GCA to reimburse for stamps used.

Halloween Party

As all were in favour of this event, we will focus on this in our next meeting. Party to be held at the Comrades Club. Date/time to be confirmd

Winter Festival/Hog Roast

To be discussed next meeting

AOB/Brainstorming

K McD-F suggested a downloadable/printable Friends of PiP sign (C T-H to help with design again)

NH suggested having collection buckets at the football club, K H has to ask his committee

JD suggested a beerfest

KMcD-F - SS to do big PiP posters for shops etc, C T-H to amend and send to SS for printing

There will be a horse-racing night in October at the Comrades Club date tbc. Fundraising for PiP 2013 (this was arranged prior to the formation of Friends of PiP) We must get town-wide publicity to make this a success!

Next meeting to be held on 06/09/12 8pm at the Comrades Club