**Minutes from Parks and Festival committee meeting Wednesday 8th September 2021**

**Present:** Cllr L Rowland, Cllr H Maurice-Jones, Cllr N Roberts, Cllr A Parrington, Cllr M Gledhill, Clerk (WP).

LR reported that she had visited all of the play areas recently. There was some rubbish (unsure if garden waste) which had been dumped at Greenfields, WP will have a look to see how it can be removed but this needs monitoring to ensure local householders don’t do this regularly to save them getting rid of waste. There is a need for additional bark at Greenfields and now the school holidays are over WP will arrange LR had received a telephone call from a resident advising that there was someone in Rossett play area with a dog and this appeared to be becoming more regular. LR had approached people on two occasions to advise them that dogs were not allowed in the play area. WP will check signage, but it was agreed to put something on Facebook advising that it is against the law and if dogs are noticed in the park they should phone 101. **Action: WP to check Greenfields for rubbish, order bark, check no dog signs, and create Facebook post**.

At Rossett Park there was some general cleaning required, removing bird muck from equipment, clearing algae, clearing cut branches. **Action: WP to task Park Warden with these jobs.**

It was discussed that a number of members of the committee had visited Mountain view over the previous weeks and generally there were no users. It was agreed that a ‘time lapse’ video should be created to be posted on Facebook to show where it is and the facilities. **Action: WP to look into time lapse video.**

LR reported that following discussion with WP she would like to propose the setting up of a steering group to consider future plans for Rossett play area. This has been discussed for some time but there is no idea of cost etc. It will take a significant amount of time to progress this to ensure consultation with the community and schools to ensure the most appropriate equipment is considered along with possible grant funding. The Clerk had recently been contacted by a national company and they had undertaken a visit and were due to submit an initial plan. It was agreed that NR, LR and WP will begin to move this forward. **Action: LR, NR and WP to meet to progress play area redevelopment plan.**

HMJ confirmed that Morreys will lift trees around November so a decision is required on the placement for the memorial areas. It was agreed that the corner of Harwoods Lane/Trevalyn Way and Station Road would be the two favoured sites. HMJ and AP will meet with Gill Antrobus to confirm if she is still interested in funding a number of trees, HMJ had confirmed a cost of approximately £40 each. HMJ had dried off a large number of bulbs which could be used on the green area near The Griffin. It was agreed to go ahead with the bulb planting project again during October half term so HMJ will order the necessary products. Some will be offered to the community to plant but AP and HMJ will identify preferred areas over the forthcoming weeks. **Action: WP to arrange meeting with Gill Antrobus, HMJ to order bulbs and identify planting areas with** **AP.**

WP enquired where we were up to with the vouchers offered by Hashtag Gardening. We had received some for May and June and they had donated towards the Parkside barrel in July however, they had publicised support until October. It was agreed that AP and HMJ will meet with the owner to see if they will continue to support and the best way to receive the outstanding funding. **Action: AP and HMJ to meet with Hashtag Gardening.**

A schedule of events was agreed as follows:

Village Bulb Planting

Advent trial starting on 1 December – MG suggested glow in the dark paint for the boards

Christmas Tree Event – AP will arrange the tree with Hydes. There will possibly be no event in the form of gathering as St Peter’s are still unable to provide a choir as there is no mixing of year groups. If they aren’t involved this also impacts on the road closure. If there can be no event a video similar to last year will be organised. Decorate your own bauble will be arranged again.

Christmas boxes for the community café regulars.

MG suggested illuminated decorations for some of the lamp posts as seen in other areas. He will look into costings and report back. **Action: MG to research lamp post illuminations.**

Santa visiting houses – consider the possibility of a trailer or some form of transport which will enable a quicker route so it can be undertaken over a couple of nights.

Scarecrow Festival – February half term – consider the theme of ‘Heroes’. This could be a relative, friend, well known individual or superhero.

Picnic in the Park – usually around the beginning of June to tie in with the Eden project event.

Cllr Hugh Jones had also suggested a litter pick which will be considered for the Spring.