



## MINUTES - 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015

**Present:** Jason, Elizabeth, Stuart, Heidi, Vicky, Adele, Kathleen, Philip, Wendy, Chris Pearson, Chris Blakley,

### 1.) Welcome

Jason opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. Jason introduced all at the meeting to (CP). CP introduced himself and explained the reason for his presence at the meeting was to gather more information regarding the current demolition of the Muga

### 2.) Apologies

Clare, Martin

### 3.) Actions from Previous Meeting

The Actions Log was reviewed and updated. The following matters are still outstanding:

- Photos for the website - Jason has begun to upload photos but would still like anyone to send through their favourite photos of the park, past or present.
- Water Pump - ongoing
- Grant opportunities - ongoing

### 4.) Finance Update

We currently have £12,675.55 in the bank - 2015. Go Local advert has been paid.

### 5.) MUGA

The demolition of the Muga has received a large amount of comments on the social media site Facebook, The majority of the comments have been against the demolition. Further emails have also been sent to members of the group/council and the Shaw Park website has also seen comments of dissatisfaction. CP explained that within the past week he has been asked by local residents why this facility has been removed, what cost implications the council have had to take the facility down, what are the future plans with reusing the space, CP also addressed ways in which the council/Shaw Park have communicated with the local community and made suggestions in how the group could do this.

JP explained that the demolition of the Muga was first mentioned and minuted on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2014.

WT went on to say that she had attended the Stainland & Districted Meeting shortly after and informed all present about the demolition and asked if any members at this group would have use for the facility. WT mentioned that the Stainland & Districted community group did not have any concerns /issues at this point and clearly stated that they did not want this facility.

PS then explained that there had been no cost implications with the removal of the Muga and explained that the facility had been removed by contractors that had taken the stone/fence in payment.

The decision to demolish the MUGA is a Local Authority decision and is not related to Shaw Park Restoration Group in any way. PS clearly stated that although the muga was in very bad condition it was not removed on the ground of Health & Safety. PS said demolition of the muga was due to the fact that the facility was no longer being used by paying groups and that there was no budget to keep the muga maintained. PS mentioned that the turf floor would have needed removing and replacing, the fence around the facility was bent/twisted and would also have needed to have been repaired and there was no money in the pot to do this.

PS said the area remaining area would be grass seeded.

JP added that invitations to tonight's meeting were given to all people that have expressed concerns about the muga, That the website for Shaw Park is updated regular with all the minutes and relevant information regarding work being done in the park, JP explained that he had also added a short survey to the website so people could feed back to the group how they felt the changes and work being done in the park had impacted there expectation/thoughts.

<http://www.shawpark.org.uk/survey.html>

Also the notice board outside the park holds information for local residents.

WT mentioned that on Facebook there is a group for Shaw Park.

CP said he would feedback to the Facebook group and Twitter about this meeting he attended.

## **6). Photos**

Jason has now got the gallery working. Photos have been uploaded on the website - if anyone has any photos they would like including please send these through to Jason.

## **7). Pump**

Following the meeting with Jason and Martin, Jason informed all that the 1<sup>st</sup> draft is to be submitted within the next few weeks, we would like to start this work by the end of the year.

## **8). Volunteer Days**

Next volunteer day -12<sup>th</sup> April 2015, 10am start

## **9). AOB**

HH mentioned that she had attended a meeting on behalf of the group at The Holywell Green United Reformed church on the 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015. HH explained the purpose of the meeting was to inform and meet other users of the Reformed church. HH went on to say that one of the Reform Church's aims was to improve relationships between Local residents and the Church and a way of achieving this was to hold coffee morning for the public and other events. HH asked if any of the Shaw Park members would like to volunteer a few hours every so often to help run these events. HH to attend next meeting.

EB said she had been talking about the pond to local resident Vance and it was mentioned by him that once the pond had been cleaned out, how the group would feel if he was to introduce fish into the Pond. He mentioned that he would like to be in charge of an angling society at Shaw Park.

Member of the group were all in favour of this idea.

## **11). Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.00pm, Holywell Green United Reformed Church.

All welcome.