

Milton Abbot Play Park Committee Meeting Monday 22nd February 2021

Those Present

Nick, Laoni, Craig, Sarah, Andy, Betsy, Mark, Cora.

Agenda

- **Publishing minutes.**
- **Wildflower area update.**
- **Park Funds and spending so far.**
- **Easter Fundraiser.**
- **Allotments.**
- **Any other business.**

Publishing of minutes

Minutes need to be published so that people in the community can access them. Options for publishing are the Community Group web page, Church website, or pub facebook page.

The church website was chosen as most private and reliable. Andy will set up a separate section for Community Group Minutes and links can be put on the community and pub facebook and whatsapp pages. Betsy will send completed minutes to Andy to upload.

A full breakdown of money raised, and spending will also be published on this page. The 5th of April was chosen as a suitable date to account from and Laoni will send a record of profit and loss by this date.

Wildflower area

Spending on wildflower area

Estimated figures to be confirmed and updated on 5th April are that Craig's go fund me page has raised £569! We paid the website £25.36 in fees leaving 543.64 profit. We have spent £229 on trees and seeds for the wildflower area in the park. This leaves £314.63 still available.

Craig is in the process of sourcing a plaque in memory of Samantha Balsdon and a bench for the park which we won't need to pay full price for. He's also getting some summer bulbs. Full details of spending will be published after this.

Work so far

Craig has planted the fruit trees and will rotovate the meadow area and plant flower seeds. He will contact us all when he needs some help. He has sent a letter to the parish clerk agreeing to manage this area from now on. It will just need cutting once a year rather than regular mowing,

Grand opening

Andy will look into getting someone to open the wildflower area later in the year when it starts to flower. This could happen on a Saturday in the summer holidays, July/August when we hope lockdown restrictions will be reduced enough.

Easter Fundraiser

Plan for all of Easter weekend, Friday 2nd April to Sunday 4th, to be confirmed depending on weather. This will spread people out, as we will still need to social distance. Only two households will be able to mix.

Hopefully there will be some sort of treasure hunt looking for numbered plywood eggs on signs. This can be spread a long way around the village to stop people congregating. Clues on the eggs can give an order to the route. There will be an answer on the last egg which can be returned for a prize. One bigger prize can be more hidden? People can pay £2 to join in. Collect money in a bucket for minimal handling where we give out the first clue.

We will ask the supermarkets for donations of chocolate eggs. Ask Emily to contact Lidl. Betsy will try Launceston Tesco and Lidl.

Everyone will donate Craig scrap plywood to cut out egg shapes. Sarah will ask on the village facebook for plywood scraps.

Allotments

So far Craig has contacted West Devon Borough Council who are behind the idea of restarting the allotments on the land between Edgcombe lane and Fore Street (Owned by West Devon Borough Council).



Several people in the village are keen to have allotments. In order to take them on we need a committee with a bank account. If the Community Group took them on, we could run them through an allotment association. Otherwise, West Devon Borough Council could take them on and manage them, but this is unlikely at present. A contamination test needs to be done first. West Devon might cover this.

All the present committee agreed that they would be willing to take the allotments on as a sub-committee of the community group.

Any other business

Craig is planning to spray the woodwork in the playground with fungicide in an evening. The spray is child and dog friendly, but we will put up signs just in case to keep people off the equipment for 24 hours.

Agenda for Next Meeting

- Clarify plans for Easter Fundraiser.
- 'Go Fund Me' spending.
- Allotment sub-committee.
- Update on Grand Opening of Wildflower Area.