

Friends of Moneyhole
Park Safety and Security Minutes

08 August 2009

Time: 2 – 3.00 pm Venue: Behind Moneyhole Pavilion

Attendees:

Cllr Darren Bennett Cllr Louise Lotz TK Choo PSCO Christina Cooper
James Bridges (Street Warden) Local Residents – 20+ including young people.

1) Introduction

TK Choo introduced Cllr Bennett as the new FoM Chair and outlined the agenda. The Park Safety and Security group replaces the Noise & Anti Social Working Party. The known park problems on under age drinking, anti social behaviour, late night car raves and drug taking were raised.

2) Automatic Barrier

Cllr Bennett reported back Mike Storey's response on behalf of the Council on this issue. The gate cost between £3-4k but there were several operational issues on a manually operated gate. All these objections and concerns can be overcome by an automatic barrier. A timed barrier between 6 am and 9.30 pm could work with no objections were raised by the attendees including PFC members. These barriers can allow cars out on exit after closing time. Discussions on signs, charging and various issues ensued. Cllr Bennett agreed that these operational issues are not insurmountable. **Action: Cllr Bennett to raise this again with Tim Beyer.**

3) CCTV

As Kevin Hornsey was not present, this item was deferred. **Action: Cllr Bennett to discuss with Tim Beyer.**

4) Alcohol Free Park Curfew

It was proposed that the park could be made an alcohol-free zone after 8 or 9 pm, to exclude the club-house, which has a licence to serve alcohol for private functions. Enforcement would be an issue but it will allow the police to confiscate alcohol found on park visitors of all age group. Cllr Bennett will ask Tim Beyer when they meet, and will get some advice on this.

Action: Cllr Bennett to raise this again with Tim Beyer

5) Neighbourhood Park Watch

The idea of a Park Neighbourhood Watch was discussed. PSCO Cooper suggested a dog watch as well. While walking the dog park users could be vigilant for signs of problems.

Residents could form a dog watch as well as an informal park watch scheme.

It was agreed that all park users and residents report vandalism and anti-social behaviour in the park and surrounds. Everyone should ring in using 0845 33 00 222. The 999 number should be used if there is immediate danger to anyone, or if anyone feels unsafe. **Action: everyone**

6) Moneyhole Lane Park

Cllr Bennett announced that Moneyhole is a Park and the name will be changed on the signs to Moneyhole Lane Park. **Action: Cllr Bennett**

7) Park Warden

It was asked why Moneyhole Park does not have a Park Warden and whether a Street Warden could fill this role? One problem is that Moneyhole is not a priority.

8) Budget

A resident asked about Moneyhole Park budget. Moneyhole does not have a specific budget but is part of an overall budget that Finesses receives. A specific capital request has to be considered by the Council.

There does not seem to be a specific security allocation for Moneyhole in the budget.

9) AOB

The cost effectiveness of the Street Dance held in Gosling and Hatfield costing a £1000 of the ward's community fund was raised when there are no local events for local children. Residents felt that Gosling was some distance to travel.

Councillor Louise Lotz

FoM Park Safety and Security group