The Friends of Highfield Country Park

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st May 2019

Attendance 14 members, Cllr Noor & Cllr Sheikh

( 1 ) Apologies: Alex, Brenda and Jason, Peter & Brenda & Frank

( 2 ) The minutes of the March meeting were accepted as a true record, by Dave and Damon

( 3 ) Matters arising

* Planning hearing for housing development on community farm refused again by Mcc councillors
* Meetings with maintenance contractors has not been arranged, voting for councillors got in the way
* Woodland management bid has been submitted to the lottery

( 4 ) Neighbourhood Services Update

* 10 year strategy plan for Manchester parks has been implemented
* New notice board has been erected at the end of Bowler Street
* Going to get railing repaired at Nelstrop Road entrance where quad bikes are getting access to the park

( 5 ) Financial report. Bank balance £782.58

Cash in hand £47.32

Bank Balance includes £534 grant for a new lectern at Broom Avenue entrance

( 6 ) Any other business

* Hayley will contact Alex regarding controlling the website
* Japanese knot weed was reported at 2 sites near the willow pond and behind St Andrews school
* More vandalism at dipping pond and picnic area
* Hayley shared with the group ideas for a bid she wants to write to HLF, around creating marked paths in the park, where families may feel more confident to walk independently, plus seasonal activities.

( 7 ) The date of the next general meeting is 16.7.19 7pm