



Friends of Red House Park Minutes taken at the General Meeting

Date: Monday 25th March 2024

Venue: The Pavilion, Red House Park, Pages Lane, Great Barr, starting at 7.00pm

Attendance

David Fisher Chris Canning June Canning Sonia Vaughan Alethea Hegney
Sandra Lloyd Carole Lowe Jim Lowe Darryl Magher Joe McNamara Jill Blaze

Apologies for Absence were received from

Bill Gunn Graham Jones Marianne Kull Steve Melia

Minutes of the previous meeting: This was a meeting to discuss the Santa in the Park details. No minutes were taken.

Matters Arising:

- Security Lights in Pages Lane Carpark. Reported to council but still need fixing.
- Steps to Bowling Green. Broken slabs reported to council but still not repaired/replaced

Reports

Chair-(DF)

Pavilion. £10,000 have been earmarked for work on the Pavilion. Where is it being spent?

Tennis Courts Upgrade. Some work has been carried out and more to follow.

Gate for bowling green. Posts are there but replacement lockable gate needed to help prevent ASB.

Vice Chair-(JM) No report.

Secretaries-(SL) and (SV) No Report

Treasurer-(AH) No report

Events

PICNIC IN THE PARK Date to be confirmed. **WE NEED NEW OR NEARLY NEW ITEMS FOR THE TOMBOLA STALL.** You can bring them to a meeting or we will collect if local.

BAT WALK. September. Date to be confirmed and hopefully it will not rain.

SANTA IN THE PARK. We are hoping to be able to welcome Santa back to the park in December. Details to be confirmed. **WE NEED RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS FOR THIS**

EVENT. If you have any donations please email royvaughanathome@aol.com No clothing please.

Environment

- Bin collections in the park remain an issue. Problems arising can be reported to Sandwell Hot Spot Solutions by emailing hot-spot@sandwell.gov.uk
- A park bin survey has been requested by David.
- A police presence in the park would be welcomed and it is hoped that they will use the Pavilion on a regular basis.
- Graham Jones suggested that the rose beds in the park be removed and all the newly available area to be turned into one large lawn for people to use as picnic areas. The suggestion was discussed and unanimously voted against.
- There are “No Fishing” notices in the park. Warden contact is 07787 274 422 for any further incidents of illegal fishing.
- The outdoor gym sign is still missing. The council have been notified. The damaged sign is in the boiler room.
- Work Parties will begin on Saturday 13th April. 10am-12pm meeting at the pavilion at 10am. **The dates will then revert to the first Saturday of each month 10am-12pm.**
- David Fisher will be donating a bench to the park and the FRHP will also be donating a bench.
- FRHP will be asking for 2 mature trees to be planted for every one removed by the council. This is in line with the Council Tree Planting Strategy for the borough.

Any Other Business

We are updating the FRHP emailing list. If you no longer wish to receive emails from The Friends of Red House Park please reply to confirm your decision and we will remove your details from the list. Thank you

Meeting ended at 8.15pm

NEXT MEETING on Monday 22nd April 2024, 7pm start. This will be the AGM followed by an events meeting.

