

Red House Park Friends Group
29th October 2007
Meeting Notes

Bill Gunn Chair opened the Meeting at 6.45p.m.

1. Present

Graham Carlin	Ray Wheatley
Mark Sanders	T. Forrester
Christine Horton	Eileen Wilkinson
Jean Jones	J.Ward
Keith Wild	

2. Apologies

Cllr. Tony Ward
Stephanie Page

3. Keith Wild

Keith attended the meeting after expressing an interest in becoming involved with the Group, after our article in the paper stating that we were looking for a chairman . He gave us details of his background on various committees and the Members in turn gave Keith a history of the Group and its aims. Keith was nominated as Vice Chair and accepted the position and Bill Gunn has agreed to take on the position of Chair until Keith has had time to become familiar with the workings of the Group. We welcome his input and hope he enjoys his involvement with the 'Friends'

4. Fun Day

After a lot of Group discussion it was decided to form a separate committee and to plan to have a Fun Day next year. The suggested date is Sunday 29th June 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It was also decided that we would have a 'Car Boot' on a different day possibly beforehand to advertise the Fun Day.

Although the Rotary Club have expressed an interest in doing a Fun Day in the park and there was a suggestion of joining up with them and doing it together it was decided that 'The Friends' would take on the responsibility of arranging it themselves.

The Committee are:

Keith Wild
Bill Gunn
Graham Carlin
Mark Sanders
Jean Jones

5. The House

Bill gave the Group an update on the situation with the House from Anthea Rawlins. She explained that they were going to put Boards up in the Park near the House to advertise the property to let, hoping to get a company interested in taking on the lease. 'Jumping Jacks' have now left the Red House which means it is totally empty making it more vulnerable.

6. Update on Current Projects

The Pools – Work has already started on the second pool.

The Monument – Repairs to the Monument will be funded by '106' monies and a plaque will be put on the monument.

Tennis Courts – Re-surfacing is in the pipeline

Rose Beds – Thanks to Jean Jones manning the 'Hut' the probationers have dug over the rose beds amongst other jobs and as soon as it is manured planting of the roses can be organised. The Acacia Tree has been returned to the Supplier.

7. Any Other Business

It has been noted that the police do not attend any of our meetings now, neither do they patrol the park any more. Bill is attending a 'neighbourhood watch meeting with the police in the near future and will bring this up with them.

It was suggested that we approach the Library to see if we can put a schedule of our Meetings on their Notice Board so CH will attend to this.

A Schedule of meetings for 2008 has been produced and will be available at the next Meeting. All minutes that are sent by e.mail will be accompanied by a schedule.

The next meeting will be held at the Horticultural Training Centre on Monday 10th December 2007.