

Red House Park Friends Group
21st January 2008
Meeting Notes

Bill Gunn Chair opened the Meeting at 6.30p.m.

1. Present

Graham Carlin	Ray Wheatley SMBC
Mark Sanders	Sonia Vaughan
Christine Horton	Steve West SMBC
Jean Jones	Stephanie Page
Keith Wild	Cllr Tony Ward
Jill Fisher	Jackie Ward
Eileen Wilkinson	
Nick Williams	

2. Apologies

No apologies were received.

3. The Red House

Nick Williams contacted the 'Friends' stating that he was interested in the Red House. At the invitation of the Group Nick came to give us his ideas for using the Red House. His Company 'Sportwise' are a non profit making organisation to do with sports coaching, family learning and alternative education. After discussion with the Group he has gone away to prepare a proposition to put to BCTV and the Council.

4. Update

Pools – The second pool is now complete except where more fencing has been recommended for safety reasons.

Roses – The Group asked when the existing roses in the beds in front of the House would be pruned. Ray explained that it would be carried out in March.

Acacia Trees – They have been returned to the Nursery. Steve West said he would get an update of the current position.

Gates - Attached to these minutes are the opening and closing times of the Park. SW pointed out that even though it was easy to gain access to the park whether the gates were open or not, for insurance purposes it was advisable to publish the times.

The Gates at Pages Lane will be replaced and adaptations will be made to the gates on Hill Lane.

5. Skateboard Park

The Group raised the question again of a skateboard park but SW pointed out that this facility is to be included in Dartmouth Park refurbishment which will be sufficient for this area.

6. Fun Day

The Committee reported that they were making progress with the Fun Day. Mark Sanders asked if the Group could organise a litter pick so the park would be tidy for the Day. The next meeting of the F.D Committee will be held on 4th February 2008.

7. The Probationers

Jean Jones reported that the Probationers can come in March to do some clearing up. Ray will be consulted on the jobs to be done.

8. The Aim of the Friends Group

The 'Friends' felt that they should have a 'list of aims' which would give some structure to the Group. It was also suggested that when a new person came to the meetings it would be a useful handout to tell them what we are about.

Attached to these minutes is a suggested list of aims. Please consider them and bring them to the next meeting with your thoughts for changes or additions.

9. Agenda

Also attached to these minutes is a suggested Agenda which could form the structure for the meetings. Not every item has to be covered at every meeting but it does mean that if we run through the headings each time it means that hopefully nothing will be missed out and everyone has a chance to say what they want to at the appropriate time.

The next meeting will be held at the Horticultural Training Centre on Monday 3rd March 2008 at 6.45 p.m.