

Red House Park Friends Group
13th July 2009
Meeting Notes

Bill Gunn Chair opened the Meeting at 6.45 p.m

1. Present

Bill Gunn	Ray Wheatley SMBC
Christine Horton	Sunish Patel SMBC
Mary Harding	Jackie Ward
Jean Jones	Graham Carlin
Tony Fowler	Julie and Steve Neil
Mark Sanders	

2. Apologies.

Keith Wild and Jean Jones sent their apologies

3. Chairmans' Report

The Minutes were read from the last meeting and duly accepted with no changes

4. Treasurer's Report

GC reported that the accounts were up to date and arrangements were being made for them to be audited.

5. Secretary's Report

CH said she had nothing to report

6. Council Report and Environment

Sunish reported that Samantha Barrett from the 'Open Spaces Programme' will meet the 'Friends' with presentations for the area near the MUGA. Sunish felt that these discussions would probably take place around Feb 2010. Sunish was asked about the tennis net that was still missing , however it has now been replaced.

Work has started on the monument. It is estimated that the contract will take about one month. The Plaque will be provided by the Council and wording and style has yet to be agreed.

The Car Park at the entrance near the Changing Rooms has been re-surfaced which has improved the look of it considerably

Sunish reported that a tree survey had been organised.

Wood that had been thrown into the pools has been removed and the 'Friends' thank the Council for that.

The Waste Bin that was vandalised will be replaced by the Council and the 'Friends' will pay the bill.

Bill mentioned again the flooding at Jeyshaw. On the day of the Funday with the torrential rain at the end of the day it was impossible to go out of the gate without having to wade through the water.

CH also mentioned to Sunish the state of the area of ground within the fencing round the toilets. It is full of weeds and litter. It is certainly not a very attractive entrance to the park and very unpleasant for the people to look at in the houses over the road.

With the profits from the Funday, the Friends plan to plant more of the rose beds with white roses. Also the Group are discussing with the Council putting a plaque in the park giving information about the different types of bats.

7. Events

The feedback the 'Friends' have received says that the Funday was a successful family event and enjoyed by all. The weather at the end of the day made clearing up very difficult.

The 'Friends' would like to thank all the people who came forward and helped with the day. Without their help the Funday would not have been possible. We would also like to thank all the people who made cakes. We sold all of them and the profits will go towards improving the rose beds.

Please note the following events are coming up

Band Day	16 th August 2009	-	2.30 pm to 5 pm
Bat Walk	9 th September 2009	-	7.15 p.m
Santa in the Park	6 th December 2009		(times to be confirmed)

8. Any Other Business

The Group would like to thank Anthony Lewis for the booklets about the History of the Park. They have sold well and the Group are looking at producing more booklets so that they will be available to sell at our events along with the paintings of the House.

The next meeting of the 'Friends' will be held at the Horticultural Training Centre on Monday 24th August at 6.45 p.m. This will be the Annual General Meeting