

Red House Park Friends Group
12th April 2010
General Meeting

Bill Gunn Chair opened the Meeting at 6.45 p.m

1. Present

Bill Gunn	Mr. & Mrs. Pailing
Ray Wheatley SMBC	Graham Carlin
Jackie Ward	Christine Horton
Sunish Patel SMBC	Tony Ward
Jean Jones	Janita Embury
Sandra Lloyd	

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Keith Wild and Tony Fowler

3. Chairmans' Report

The Minutes were approved and there were no matters arising. Bill reported that Michael Woodall had been invited to this meeting but he had not replied. Bill reported that Steve and Julie had secured £536.00 from West Bromwich local area budget towards our printing costs. We have six months to use this budget. Our aim is to distribute the leaflets to a wider area.

Bill reported that a litter pick has been organised on the 10th May 2010 run by Holy Name School. If anyone wants to get involved they should phone Matt on 0121 569 3734. This is part of the Big Spring Clean which is taking place around the Borough between April and June.

4. Treasurers Report

Graham reported that we were waiting for the monies to come in with confirmation of the stalls for the Funday

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

6. Council Report

Sunish reported that litter was a problem in the park. He had received complaints from the public about the litter including bottles that had been thrown about leaving dangerous broken glass around.

The Friends reported that the bins have still not been properly installed which resulted in them being kicked over and thrown about. The bins have been destroyed in the new play area and Sunish reported that the plastic innards will have to be replaced by metal ones.

Structural Engineers are looking at the changing rooms including the room at the end of the building to see what can be done to make improvements.

The outbuildings to the House are going to be demolished. CH asked Sunish about the litter and leaves within the fencing and asked if it could be cleaned up. It gives such a bad impression to visitors coming to the car park and is an eyesore to the people living round about.

On 25th March the Lord Mayor officially opened the New Play Area and the Monument. The New Play Area has proved very popular with the young people. There are now play areas in Red House Park for every age group.

Sunish reported that the Management Plan is being finalised and there will be a

copy available for 'The Friends'.

7. Park Environment

Sunish explained that there were no funds available for maintenance of the area around the pools. Tony Ward reported that Council Trucks, while doing jobs in the park, were going through tracks within the Park that were not meant for vehicles and breaking down branches off the trees.

Kids are setting fires in the area and Tony told the Group that serious graffiti had been written on the notice board near the Pool area. The emergency teams had been called but did not respond quickly enough. Sunish said that the Council would look into it also the large oak tree that is dangerous. The Group also asked about the progress of the new gate at the Monksfield entrance

8. Forthcoming Events

Fun Day – Sunday 27th June

BatWalk – Sept. 8th at 7p.m

9. Any Other Business

It is noted that internal repairs are still being carried on in the Red House.

Sunish explained that there would be a number of football matches played mid week to catch up on the games cancelled.

The next meeting of the 'Friends' Events Committee will be held at the Horticultural Training Centre . The date to be arranged at the next General Meeting

The next General Meeting of the 'Friends' Committee will be held at the Horticultural Training centre on 17th May 2010

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