

Red House Park Friends Group
17th May 2010
General Meeting

Bill Gunn Chair opened the Meeting at 6.45 p.m

1. Present

Bill Gunn	Ray Wheatley SMBC
Keith Wild	Sunish Patel SMBC
Jean Jones	Martin Baker
Christine Horton	Sonia Vaughan
Jill Fisher	John Ward
Graham Carlin	Helen Willetts
Michael Woodall SMBC	Sandra Lloyd

2. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Tony Fowler

3. Chairmans' Report

The Minutes were approved but it was pointed out that they should read 'The Mayor' not 'Lord Mayor'.

With reference to the History Booklet, Steve has reported at a later Events Meeting that the booklet has to be proof read before it can go for printing. CH has undertaken to do this.

Bill explained to the Meeting that the Police now covering the security of Red House Park are based in Yewtree under the supervision of Sgt. Needle. The phone number is 0845 113 5000.

4. Treasurers Report

Graham reported that monies were coming in for stalls at the Fun Day.

5. Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

6. Council Report

Michael Woodall attended the meeting introducing himself and explained the position he now holds within the Council. He aims to promote outdoor activities in the parks. He came to discuss with the Friends ways he could work with us in Red House Park. At the moment a walk takes place on a Monday morning meeting outside the Changing Rooms. It was suggested that a document be produced giving ideas how the park can be used for recreational purposes and this to be available to the public on Fun Day for them to make their comments. MW undertook to do this and have it ready for that day.

Sunish reported that he had received complaints about the litter around the new Play Scheme. The Friends said that there was a lack of Dog Litter Bins and they were still being kicked over because they were not secure.

Sunish said that the Council were trying out new bins that were dual purpose and the bins around the new play scheme would be replaced.

A member of the Friends asked Sunish what had transpired about the discolouration that had appeared in the lakes. He explained that it had been found to be a burst pipe and this has now been repaired. JF reported that an emergency number could not be found on any of the Notice Boards which is a problem for members of the public wishing

to report problems in the Park which sometimes need prompt attention.
The Group asked about the Bat Sign and Sunish reported that it was being looked at

7. Park Environment

It was brought to the attention of the meeting and the Council that raw fish, chicken and other rotting substances have been left near the grid in the pools. This is not only causing a terrible smell but is resulting in the increase in rats. It was discussed if notices could be put up stating that the birds etc. only need fresh bread and chicken corn seed also that tipping was a offence.

8. Forthcoming Events

Fun Day – Sunday 27th June
Band Concert – 25th July 2.30 to 5 p.m.
BatWalk – Sept. 8th at 7p.m

The plans for the Fun Day are coming together and are being discussed in length at the Events Meetings. The notices will be distributed around the streets notifying the public about the Fun Day a week before the date.

9. Any Other Business

It has been established that the post code for the park is B43 6LZ

The next meeting of the 'Friends' Events Committee will be held at the Horticultural Training Centre on 7th June at 7.15 p.m.

The next General Meeting of the 'Friends' Committee will be held at the Horticultural Training centre on 28th June 2010

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