

Red House Park Friends Group
20th September 2010
Annual General Meeting

Bill Gunn Chair opened the Meeting at 6.45 p.m

1. Present

Bill Gunn	Sandra Lloyd
Keith Wild	Lisa Saunders
Graham Carlin	Tony Fowler
Christine Horton	Steve Melia
Jean Jones	Helen Willetts
Ray Wheatley SMBC	John Ward
Sunish Patel SMBC	

2. Apologies.

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3. Election of Officers

Bill thanked everyone for their hard work throughout the year. All the officers retired and Sunish Patel took the meeting. He said that the Red House Friends Group had done well this year and we should all push forward for Green Flag Status.

Sunish asked for nominations for the offices. The following officers were elected.

Bill Gunn	Chair
Keith Wild	Vice – Chair
Lisa Saunders	Secretary
Christine Horton	Treasurer

4. Chairman's Report

Bill took up his position and asked if there were any matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting. The Minutes were duly accepted.

Bill reported that there was a meeting of the Forum on 5th October held at Redwood Road Community Centre at 6p.m for anyone who wanted to attend.

5. Treasurers Report

Graham reported that the books had been audited and an income and expenditure report produced. GC handed out the report to the Group. GC said he would hand over the books to CH in the near future.

Graham brought the Group's attention to the need for an inventory of the group's assets and where they could be found. The Group agreed and asked Graham if he would undertake this job and he agreed.

6. Secretary's Report

CH said that the History Booklet has now been printed and the Pamphlets are being produced. A proof will be sent to us to approve and then will be printed. Both have been paid for. CH arranged a meeting with Lisa to hand over all the paperwork for the Secretary's position. It is suggested that we purchase a USB Flash Drive and store all the information re. the Friends on it including past copies of the Minutes, The Constitution, The Aims of the Friends etc. It will be the responsibility of the current Officers to make sure the information on the Flash

Drive is kept up to date.

6. Council Report

Sunish reported that two new bins had been ordered, one for the Newton Road end and another for the MUGA. These will be installed shortly.

Sunish told the Group that an Avian Survey will be updated and the Bat Sign will be re-considered.

There will be a meeting this week with a Fisheries expert about the introduction of fish into the pool in the Park and how we move forward with it all.

Sunish put forward the idea to the Group for future consideration of the outdoor performance of a Shakespeare play in a suitable place in the park. It has been done in another Park in the Borough very successfully. There is a company that undertake to do this and it was profitable.

7. Use of the Park

CH passed onto Sunish a report from the police with a crime number of an attempted break in. Also there is a big increase in the amount of graffiti recently and there has been two serious muggings one resulting in the victim having to get hospital treatment. These seem to be tied up with the robbery of mobile phones.

It has been pointed out that there is no telephone number for the Dog Warden so that people can report dog fouling offenders.

8.. Forthcoming Events

The Bat Walk took place on September 8th. It was a big success and there was a good attendance. Sadly one of the bat detectors that was purchased by the Friends from funds raised and a grant was not returned after the Bat Walk.

Father Christmas in the Park will take place on Sunday 5th December the time is yet to be decided at the next Events Meeting on Monday 4th October 2010.

9. Park Environment and Facilities

The Group discussed with Sunish the need for the bushes and trees to be cut down round the lake. It was explained that there is no funding for this and a suggestion was made that we could organise a group of volunteers to do it

The Group have asked Ray to put in an order for more roses to do one more Rose Bed.

10. Any Other Business

Bill asked if the Friends Group would be better making the start time for all meetings 7 p.m. He asked what everyone thought and it has been decided to change the times from 6.45p m for the General Meetings and 7.15 p.m. for the Events Meeting to 7 p.m. for all meetings.

The next meeting of the 'Friends' Events Committee will be held at the Horticultural Training Centre on 4th October 2010 at 7 p.m.

The next General Meeting of the 'Friends' Committee will be held at the Horticultural Training Centre on 1st November 2010 at 7 p.m.

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