



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 3rd June 2013
Venue: The Pavilion Red House Park Newton Road Great Barr, starting at 7.00pm

Chairs opening remarks:

Mr Bill Gunn welcomed the group and thanked everyone who assisted at the football tournament on the 1st June. He also confirmed that the Mayor had attended the official opening of the gym equipment on 14th May, unfortunately there was no press presence but photos were taken by Andy Tromans and sent to Lisa Ingram.

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair
Lisa Ingram (LI)	-	Secretary
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer
Sonia Vaughn (SV)		
Sonia Lloyd (SL)		
Jennie Dhanjal (JD)		
Ray Wheatley (RW)		
David Fisher (DF)		
Sadie Smith (SS)		

Apologies were received from; Sunish Patel, Cllr Steve Melia, Keith Wild, R Peebles

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

These were proposed and accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from those minutes

Bat Walk booking form has been completed.
Gym equipment opening has taken place.
Website is being updated as dates of events are confirmed.

4. Reports:

i) Chair

BG again thanked the group for assistance at football tournament on 1st June. There were some concerns regarding drinking in the park but no unruly behaviour was witnessed or reported.

ii) Secretary

Booking forms for Paws in the Park and Bat Walk were signed off at start off meeting.

JD to provide draft of leaflets for event so that order can be placed..

iii) Treasurer

CH reported that the group had covered costs at football tournament on 1st June.

CH requested that clarification be sought on contributions from concessions (i.e burger vans, ice cream etc) in advance of Paws event..

There was a discussion regarding spend of group funds, one suggestion was a lockable metal cabinet. It was agreed to discuss this further after Paws event when know what additional funds have been raised.

SV suggested purchase of "Friends" t-shirts to include some advertising first aider. This was agreed and SV is to progress.

iv) Council

SP was unable to attend, update given by LI.

The lighting around the Pavillion has been confirmed as 2 x spotlight and 1 x lamppost. Installation is due within 2 weeks..

Local resident from Meadowside Close is still contesting the decision to refuse a key to the park. Group offered to discuss this with the resident at the next meeting.

Steve Pace from Holy Name football club has been in touch with regard to strengthening ties with the group. LI has passed on dates and times of meetings.

Goalkeeping and Holy Name teams have requested use of toilets, this is to be discussed on their attendance.

v) Police

No representative from the Police was present.

5. Red House Park

i) Features of the Park

DF noted that the bird boxes around the park have deteriorated, we have replacements in store but are unable to install without MEWP access.

A quote is to be requested to install a bench near the monument, this, along with plaques, is to be looked at after Paws event.

ii) Park Environment

SV has been approached by a local resident concerned about the lack of vegetation at the edge of ponds to provide cover to wildlife. This is to be passed to SP.

The swan nesting platform is deteriorating and also needs referring to SP.

BG has asked SP about the possibility of planting works being done at the Pages Lane gates with a view to making the entrance to the park more attractive.

Several of the group have serious concerns regarding the safety of the new road layout at the Pages Lane gate. SP is to be asked to refer these to Highways dept.

iii) Sport and Play Facilities

No updates

iv) Park Diary

A5 flyers are to be produced for Paws event showing class times on the rear.

JD updated that we may need to hire a generator as the Fire Service unit will not be attending this year.

DF will pass on the number of Crime Prevention Unit to JD to reserve a space.

JD is seeking sponsors for dog show classes as Doves Cottage are no longer trading.

6. Any Other Business
None.

7. Date of Next General Meeting
19.00 Monday 15th July 2013
Events meeting 19.00 Monday 1st July 2013

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Ingram

Secretary FofRHP