



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 19th August 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 gave his thanks to everyone for an extremely successful day at Paws in the Park. An update was given on the incident where a dog was bitten by the husky display team. LI is going to respond to the lady in question.

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair
Lisa Ingram (LI)	-	Secretary
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer
Sonia Vaughn (SV)		
Sonia Lloyd (SL)		
David Fisher (DF)		
Graham Jones (GJ)		
Sadie Smith (SS)		
Karen Fletcher (KF)		

Apologies were received from; Keith Wild, Jennie Dhanjal, Sunish Patel

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

- Meadowside close resident who has requested a key to the Pages Lane gate was invited to attend the meeting but has not done so. It is assumed that the matter is now closed.
- A larger bin has been requested for the area next to the pavilion.

3. Matters arising from those minutes

- A new key has now been received for the Pages Lane gate for the group.

4. Reports:

i) Chair

- Mark Sanders has handed over keys for the pavilion, Management of future bookings is to be discussed at the AGM.

ii) Secretary

- LI added thanks for all of those involved in Paws.

iii) Treasurer

- CH updated that there had been a good income generated by Paws. The figures will be confirmed at the AGM in September.
- CH asked that an agenda item be inserted at the AGM to discuss possible spend of funds.

iv) Council

- SP was unable to attend but passed on comments from highways department ref concerns about the new road layout at Pages Lane.

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.

ii) Park Environment

- CH raised that there is a large amount of weed growth where Jumping Jacks used to stand. This is directly opposite the new build houses and is an eyesore. This has not yet been resolved.
- Slabs between ponds have been re-layed.
- SL and CH raised again the on-going problem of litter along Hill Lane.

iii) Sport and Play Facilities

- Tennis nets have been repaired..
- Graffiti previously noted has been cleaned.
- CH raised that the Health Walks co-ordinator has not sent agreed contribution for use of Pavillion. This was also the case for local school.
- There is an on-going issue with the cleanliness of the toilets in the pavilion.

iv) Park Diary

- Bat walk will take place on 18th Sept meeting at 7pm. BG has checked all bat detectors and DF will liaise to organise.
- Santa event booked for Sunday 9th Dec.

6. Any Other Business

- None.

7. Date of Next Meeting – PLEASE NOTE THIS IS THE AGM

- **19.00 Monday 30th September 2013**

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Ingram

Secretary FofRHP