



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 28th April 2014

Venue: The Pavilion Red House Park Newton Road Great Barr, starting at 7.00pm

Chairs opening remarks:

BG opened the meeting and thanked all for their attendance. An update was given on the Cleaner Greener Award won by the group at the West Bromwich community awards. We were nominated by SP and very pleased to be recognised in this was. BG expressed his thanks for all of those who had contributed to the success of the group over the years.

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer
Lisa Ingram (LI)	-	Secretary
Sunish Patel (SP)	-	SMBC
Sonia Vaughan (SV)		
Sandra Lloyd (SL)		
Ed O'Neal (EO)		
Alethea Hegney (AH)		

Apologies were received from, David Fisher, Steve Melia and Keith Wild

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

- Accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising from those minutes

- It was noted that dates of future meetings are still not in park noticeboards. SP to investigate.

4. Reports:

i. Chair

- BG thanked those members that assisted with opening of the pavilion for visits by Grove Vale and Holy Name schools.
- BG queried status of bench, this has been delivered. At this point AH handed over a cheque for £500 received from Cameron developers. It was agreed that the bench already received should be placed with this donation and a second bench ordered

to hold a Friends of Red House Park plaque. CH, SV and SL are to meet and agree a siting for the bench and pass detail to LI who will write a letter of thanks.

- BG expressed gratitude to AH for her work in obtaining the donation,
- ii. Secretary
 - No report, issues relating to events to be discussed later.
 - iii. Treasurer
 - Cheque from Cameron to be banked, no further updates
 - iv. Council
 - DF has sent a picture of a noticeboard at Manor House Museum to SP with a suggestion that the Friends purchase a similar one. Details of supplier have been passed to DF.
 - Work on rose beds is now complete, there have been some issues with people walking across but this should lessen as the bushes grow.
 - The gardener's mower is now being stored in the park stores due to a recent break in.
 - One tennis net has split and is due to be replaced. SP updated that the aim is to replace with steel nets in time.
 - Mini-fair was due to be in park on 9th – 11th May but this was subsequently cancelled.
 - v. Police
 - No report has been received from the Police but it is believed they are using the Pavillion more .

5. Red House Park

i. Features of the Park

- There have been many general comments regarding the high standard of maintenance of the park
- There are on-going negotiations regarding the siting of an additional bin. BG will raise at the next forum meeting.

ii. Park Environment

- BG asked again about the possibility of planting being carried out at Pages Kane Entrance.
- SP stated that we are now in a good position to apply for Green Flag and should push to do so. He will provide some additional information at the next meeting.

iii. Sport and Play Facilities

- Water leakage is still evident in the Pavillion and carpet tiles are damaged. SP to look into this and to get central heating checked as this seems to be faulty also.
- Football league is due to finish 15th May, some midweek matches are being played to catch up with those missed due to bad weather.
- A request has been made to hire out cricket square, at the moment no formal arrangement has been made but some increased use is expected.

iv. Park Diary

- Paws in the Park – It was suggested that a charge be made for charities also this year. LI is to discuss with Jennie and get update on progress so far.

- It was agreed that donut seller from Xmas event be invited FOC as a goodwill gesture for his previous support.
- It was agreed that Pat Collins should be asked to bring bouncy castles only this year
- Events meeting to be scheduled for Monday 2nd June at 7.15pm

6. Any Other Business

- None arising

Date of Next General Meeting –19.00 Monday 9th June

Date of Next Events Meeting – 19.15 Monday 2nd June

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Ingram

Secretary FofRHP