



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 9th June 2014

Venue: The Pavilion Red House Park Newton Road Great Barr, starting at 7.15pm

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair	Jennie Dhanjal	(JD)
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer	Becky Peebles	- PCSO
Sunish Patel (SP)	-	SMBC	Paul Evans	- PCSO
Sonia Vaughan (SV)				
Sandra Lloyd (SL)				
Alethea Hegney (AH)				
David Fisher (DF)				
Jean Jones (for Graham Jones)				

Apologies were received from Lisa Ingram, Steve Melia and Keith Wild

Minutes of the previous Meeting
Accepted as a true record

2. Matters arising from those minutes

SV reported that she had attached copies of the Friends Meeting Schedules to the outside of the noticeboards.

3. Reports

Chair – No Report

Secretary – Lisa said at the Events Meeting that she would write to Cameron Homes thanking them for their donation and asking them for the wording that they would like put on the plaque. DF said he would organise the plaques for both benches when he had the wording and SP said he would arrange for the plaques to be fitted and the benches installed in the Park. The agreed wording for the 'Friends' bench is as follows: 'Donated by Friends of Red House Park 2014'. The Bench will be placed by the Monument. The exact orientation to be agreed.

Police – CH told the PCSO's that bikes were being driven at speed in the park. Becky said that they needed people to report these incidents and if possible take registration details. The PCSO's said they were seeking volunteers to speed check vehicles using Pages Lane.

Council – SP reported that the tennis nets have been repaired. AH asked SP if a sign could be put up in the Tennis Courts asking the public not to play ball games on the Courts. SP said that a laminated sign could be put up.

SL reported that the fencing behind the bench by the Tennis Court is dangerous and needs to be removed. SP agreed and will sort it out

CH asked Sunish if he had been successful in obtaining three recycling bins to carry the stakes and for storage. SP reported that he hadn't been able to source any yet but would bring the Group up to date at the next meeting. Since the meeting we have been able to obtain one bin so now we only need two. SV told the Group that the stakes had been ordered and delivered and were now in the Community Store Room.

SP told the group that although the supervisors are changing round, Kevin will still be our Gardener.

4. Red House Park

Green Flag – SP reported that there were eight categories on which the Park is judged. The plans would be submitted at the end of this year or the beginning of next. SP said he felt that there were two areas that needed improvement, in the middle of the park and at the bottom.

5. Events

SP said he hasn't received the Parks Booking Form together with the completed Health and Safety Risk Assessment Forms. The eventuality of what happened last year needs to be included in the Assessment. It was agreed that the Trophy will be sponsored by FRHP and K9 will source the trophy.

It was requested that all arrangements be finalised by the next meeting on 21st July which is also the closing date for the stallholders.

Pat Collins did not send a representative to our meeting to discuss suitable rides for 'Paws in the Park' so it was agreed by all that the Friends can go ahead and independently book inflatables for the event.

SL suggested that Red House events posters go in other parks notice boards as well as our own. SP told the Group that Red House Park events will be advertised in other parks if he receives posters early enough

6. Any Other Business

The rubber on the swings and other apparatus in the play areas is being damaged by dogs. SV raised the issue of dogs being trained for fighting and asked again about a perimeter fence for the park

The detail has to be agreed then we can order the banner for the railings

Dates of Events – Paws in the Park – 17th August 2014

Bat Walk – 10th September 2014

Next Meeting – 21st July 2014

