



# Friends of Red House Park

## General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 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
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer
Lisa Ingram (LI)	-	Secretary
Sunish Patel (SP)	-	SMBC
Steve Melia (SM)		
Sonia Vaughan (SV)		
Sandra Lloyd (SL)		
Joe McNamara (JM)		
Graham Jones (GJ)		

Apologies were received from David Fisher, Keith Wild and Alethea Hegney

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Accepted as a true record

### 3. Matters arising from those minutes

- CH enquired when works required to the middle and bottom areas of the park are to be carried out in order to achieve Green Flag status. SP stated that it has not yet been confirmed that we will be applying for this. He is to contact the community payback team to establish if any works can be done.

### 4. Reports

#### i. Chair

- BG has been contacted by the Express and Star who have reported an agreement in principle to sell the Red House to an unnamed party. BG queried whether the perimeter fencing and gates will be replaced now that a sale has taken place. SM believes that this will form part of the planning conditions and suggested that we review these on publication. SM will make enquires to ensure that a representative is invited to future meetings to discuss the development.

#### ii. Secretary

- LI asked for an update on Cameron Homes bench, this is awaiting plaque fitting. Photos will be taken when complete and a letter sent to Cameron as previously agreed.

#### iii. Treasurer

- CH identified a need to update signatories on bank account. It was proposed that Graham Carling and Sarah Carter be removed and Lisa Ingram, Sonia Vaughan

and Sandra Lloyd be added. This was agreed and CH will now make enquiries with the bank to confirm the process

- Cheque to cover the cost of the Cameron Homes bench has been sent to Sunish and a receipt provided to CH
- iv. Council
- Consideration of Green Flag application is on-going
  - SP reported that the broken fencing to the rear of the tennis courts should now have been removed.
  - Risk assessment is still outstanding for Paws, LI to send to SP.
  - SP asked if we would be willing to lend bat detectors to Victoria Park in Smethwick. This was agreed on the understanding that breakages and losses would be paid for.
  - Goalposts for football will be installed WC 4<sup>th</sup> August
  - Wheelie bins cannot be sourced from Serco, SP suggested that the group purchase any needed.
- v. Police
- There was no police report.

## **5. Red House Park**

- i. Features of the Park
- Gates by the tennis courts are not opened, an area of matting is required still.
  - SV queried whether the split tree had been removed yet, SP believes this should have been done last week.
  - Friends notices are still not in Wilderness Lane board and appear to have been removed from Hill Lane.
- ii. Park Environment
- No issues were arising
- iii. Sports and Play Facilities
- There still appears to be damage to rubber part of swings caused by dogs
  - There were discussions over additional equipment that could be installed, including table football or table tennis. This is to be discussed further.
- vi. Park Diary
- An events meeting is to be held to finalise arrangements for Paws in the Park on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August.
  - Bat Walk to take place 10<sup>th</sup> September
  - Santa in the Park to take place 14<sup>th</sup> December

## **6. Any Other Business**

- None was arising

**Date of Next General Meeting –19.00 Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September**

Yours sincerely,

*Lisa Ingram*

Secretary FofRHP