



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 1st September 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. BG reminded all present that the next meeting, on the 13th October 2014, will be the AGM and that current officers will stand down at this point. Applications for officer positions are invited for the coming year.

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair
David Fisher (DF)	-	Vice Chair
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer
Lisa Ingram (LI)	-	Secretary
Sandra Lloyd (SL)		
Joe McNamara (JM)		
Alethea Hegney (AH)		
Mark Sanders (MS)		

Apologies were received from Sunish Patel, Keith Wild, Sonia Vaughan, Steve Melia, Jennie Dhanjal and Ed O'Neal.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Accepted as a true record

3. Matters arising from those minutes

- There were no matters arising.

4. Reports

i. Chair

- BG extended his thanks to all involved in Paws in the Park which was again very well attended and much enjoyed.
- The bench purchased by the Friends group has now arrived and is with Andy Tromans for installation

ii. Secretary

- Cameron bench now has plaque fitted and just needs an additional photo showing the prospect to enable formal thanks to be sent to Cameron Homes.
- LI has re-sent dates of events to A Lewis via last minutes and will provide DF's email address so that an additional administrator account can be established on this and the FB account.

- LI has received details of a possible volunteer via the website and will contact.
- iii. Treasurer
- Paws in the Park showed a profit of £817 with approx. £200 of stock in the form of canned and bottled drinks remaining.
 - Jennie Dhanjal has informed that a total of £416 was collected from stallholders and a vote of thanks was extended for all of the hard work put in by Jennie and the rest of the K9 volunteers.
 - CH informed that there has been considerable expenditure in recent weeks to build the resources of the group. These will be detailed on the full accounts to be presented at the AGM.
 - There remains a good level of cash in the groups accounts and CH invited suggestions for spend.
 - It was agreed that a sack truck should be purchased to assist with moving heavy loads.
 - A lock is to be fitted to the new storeroom area.
 - A banner type notice board is to be purchased to affix to the railings outside of the pavilion. DF has the template and will email to all for approval prior to order.
- iv. Council
- SP reported that fencing to rear of tennis courts has been repaired and the gates re-opened.
 - SP confirmed that Andy Tromans has met with Sonia Vaughan to identify the location for the Friends bench.
- v. Police
- There was no police report.

5. Red House Park

- i. Features of the Park
- DF queried if it would be possible to fence around the mulberry tree outside the house as this is believed to be over 400 years old and is suffering damage from members of the public. It was also asked if a plaque could be produced to show the age and type of tree. To be raised with SP at next meeting.
 - MS has been offered a 4ft oak tree, SP to be asked if this can be planted in the park.
 - MS asked for a second set of keys to be produced for the pavilion as he has been approached by a local craft group for use on the room on a weekly basis for a pre school craft session. As one set of keys were lost some time ago and not replaced, this was agreed.
- ii. Park Environment
- DF noted that a bench near the MUGA is sited directly onto the grass. Use has caused the ground to erode and form a ditch that fills with water in wet weather. SP to be asked if 2 or 3 slabs can be laid under the bench.
- iii. Sports and Play Facilities
- It was again suggested that a table tennis table could be installed on the old bowling green. SP to be asked for prices.
- vi. Park Diary
- Bat Walk to take place 10th September

- Santa in the Park to take place 7th December
- It was suggested that Paws in the Park 2015 be brought forward to be held on 26th July. This is to be confirmed following discussion with K9 and SP.

6. Any Other Business

- There is a broken table in the pavilion that cannot be used. SP to confirm if this should be disposed of.
- Police cones loaned by Holy Name for Paws in the Park were stolen. Police and Steve Melia to be approached to see whether we can obtain any to replace them as costs are high to purchase.
- Gifts for Santa event are being stored by Sonia Vaughn.

Date of Next Meeting –19.00 Monday 13th October
PLEASE NOTE THIS WILL BE THE AGM

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Ingram

Secretary FofRHP