



# Friends of Red House Park

## General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

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

Chairs opening remarks:

BG noted that no date has yet been set for the next meeting, LI confirmed that a new meeting schedule for 2015 will be sent out with the minutes from this meeting.

### 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer
Lisa Ingram (LI)	-	Secretary
Sonia Vaughn (SV)		
Sandra Lloyd (SL)		
Joe McNamara (JM)		
Ed O'Neal (EOn)		

Apologies were received from Sunish Patel, Keith Wild, Steve Melia, David Fisher, and Alethea Hegney

### 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 expressed concerns about the possible pollution issue in the ponds. Severn Trent have been seen working there but Sunish does not seem to have any information about the works carried out. The worry is that any contaminant may have seeped into the beds even if the source of the pollutant has been repaired. Sp to be asked again for an update.

#### ii. Secretary

- No update

#### iii. Treasurer

- LI has to complete the bank mandate for change of signatories, SV and SL have already done so.
- Floats for Santa event were agreed

- iv. Council – Made by CH on behalf of SP
  - SP forwarded costs for an alternative type of noticeboard for the group. At £1000 this was deemed to be too high and we will instead proceed with order of the banner style as previously agreed.
  - SP confirmed that no football has been booked for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December to allow use of changing rooms for set up of Santa event.
  - Looking ahead to Paws event 2015, SP has suggested approaching other Friends groups in the area for assistance on the day. It is probable that Dartmouth Park will be the only group close enough to make this practical. This will be discussed again when events meetings for Paws start.
- v. Police
  - There was no police report.

## 5. Red House Park

- i. Features of the Park
  - It was agreed that we would look into fencing off the Mulberry tree.
  - A lot of activity has been noted around the house with surveyors being seen over the last week. It was queried whether a planning application has been submitted, LI will email Steve Melia and ask for an update – **Post meeting note, an application has been submitted and plans are available online for review.**
- ii. Park Environment
  - Some members noted that there is a large build up of litter around the ponds area and queried whether anything could be done? SL suggested that we could look at paying someone to do the work but this is likely to be prohibitively expensive. LI to obtain contact for Tipton Litter Watch from SP for advice.
- iii. Sports and Play Facilities
  - No updates
- vi. Park Diary
  - Santa in the Park to take place 7<sup>th</sup> December
  - Paws in the Park 2015 to take place 26<sup>th</sup> July subject to final confirmation from K9

## 6. Any Other Business

- SV is to purchase a sack truck for transporting generator at a cost of £50
- The generator has now been put in the store room
- A bike lock will be purchased to secure generator to sack truck

**Date of Next Meeting –19.00 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January**

Yours sincerely,

*Lisa Ingram*

Secretary FofRHP