



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 12th January 2015

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

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)

Christine Horton (CH)

Sonia Vaughan (SV)

Sandra Lloyd (SL)

Daljit Gharu & Sylvia (DG)

Sarah Gorman (SG)

Joe McNamara (JM)

Ed O'Neal (EN)

David Fisher (DF)

Alethea Hegney (AH)

Richard Evans (RE)

Apologies were received from: Steve Melia, Sunish Patel and Lisa Ingram

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

Accepted as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from those Minutes

There were no matters arising

4. Reports

Chair.

BG reported that he was very upset to read the article in the Sandwell Herald regarding the re-development of Lightswood Park. He read that the House is being renovated and used for community use (which we have been pushing for since the year 2000 for the Red House) and a Manager is being engaged to manage the facilities at the Park. He reported that he is at a loss to understand why the Red House and car parking facilities are being sold off with no benefit to the Park.

Secretary

Lisa sent her apologies and forwarded the following report. She said that she hadn't been able to complete the bank mandate but would do so at the earliest opportunity. Lisa is also asking if Sunish could forward her the contact details for Tipton Litter Watch.

Treasurer

CH distributed details of Santa in the Park. Overall we made a profit of £304.00 The Group reported that they felt the Event had gone very well and would like to record their thanks to 'Father Christmas.'

Council

Sunish was unable to attend the meeting but sent a report to say that he had tried to contact Bill but was unable to. He reported that the work done to the pool was done as improvement works. Severn Trent had dealings with a resident who they understood to be the Chair of the Friends Group, so they thought we knew all about it. Sunish said he was happy to discuss it at the next meeting.

5. Red House Park

Features of the Park

With regard to the fencing of the Mulberry Tree. The Group decided to leave this until we had more information about the development round the House.

Park Environment

It was brought to the attention of the Group that the approach to the first pool was dangerous for children on bikes. There is nothing to stop them riding down the slope and if unable to stop they would go straight into the pool.

Events

Jennie sent her apologies but reported that arrangements were well under way for Paws in the Park. She said that she would like to know what the Friends' plans are. The following dates are the correct dates for the Events this year.

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| Paws in the Park | 19 th July 2015 |
| Santa in the Park | 6 th December 2015 |
| The Bat Walk | Date in September 2015 to be confirmed |

6. Any Other Business

Noticeboard

DF reported that he would go ahead and order the noticeboard to go on the railings as discussed . He expected the cost to be between £75.00 and £100.00

DF said that he had agreed to e.mail Anthony Lewis after each meeting the minutes and any updates to go on the Web Site.

Discussions took place on the plans for the Red House and surrounding development. The Group agreed to fund a leaflet drop informing the local residents of the plans for the House and the loss of car parking facilities.

It was noted that a leak is getting worse on the ceiling of the Centre. CH has reported it to Sunish who has since notified CH that it is being attended to.

The Next Meeting will be held on Monday 23rd February 2015

