



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 13th April 2015

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

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair	Sarah Gormon (SG)
David Fisher (DF)	-	Vice Chair	Kerry Kayes
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer	Dayna Kayes
Sunish Patel (SP)	-	SMBC	
Sandra Lloyd (SL)			
Graham Jones (GJ)			
Ed O'Neal (EOn)			
Jennie Dhanjal (JD)			
Alethea Hegney (AH)			

Apologies were received from Steve Melia, Lisa Ingram and Sonia Vaughan

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were accepted as a true record

3. Matters arising from those minutes

There were no matters arising

4. Reports

Chair

BG welcomed Kerry and Dayna Kayes who attended the Friends Meeting representing the Fair that had come to the Park. They explained that they would leave their phone numbers with members of the Friends so that they could be contacted directly if there any problems with the Fair.

JD asked Kerry and Dayna if they would provide the childrens rides at Paws in the Park. They said they would look into it, bearing in mind they could not clash with other fair providers.

Bill reported that the Park was getting busier and the lack of parking is causing a lot of problems

5. Council

Sunish said that Julie Price was responsible for dealing with issues to do with the Park and the Sale of the House. He suggested we contact her about our concerns with the lack of parking. He also confirmed that the football season has now come to an end, except for the isolated game. SP reported that he intended to put down a grass matting under the bench near the MUGA to try and stop it filling up with water in wet weather. SP also reported that the Ice Cream Man needed access to a toilet during the time he was in the Park with his Ice Cream Van. Sunish said that he intended to give him a key to the toilet used by the Referees. SP said that the British Military Fitness have requested they have the use of somewhere to keep their equipment safely. After discussion Sunish suggested that they have a lock up container within the locked fencing around the Community Centre.

Discussion took place within the Group as to who holds the various keys for the Community Room. The following is a list of key holders.

- Sonia – Holds keys to the Community Rooms the gates around the Pavilion, the access bollard by the Pavilion, Pages Lane and Hill Lane Gates.
- Graham – Holds keys to the Community Rooms
- David - Holds keys to the Community Rooms and Gates around the Pavilion but not Pages Lane. Sunish said he would get another key for this gate.
- W.Mids - Have a set of keys to the Community Rooms and gates around the Police Pavilion

As agreed with Steve Pace from Holy Name Footballers there is only ONE key to the Holy Name Store Room and two keys for the Friends storage space. Sonia has all three keys.

The Group queried how the lights work in the Car Park and inside the Building Sunish said he would look into it.

6. Secretary

No Report

7. Treasurer

No Report

8. Red House Park

Park Environment

The planting is trampled down round the pools, the leaves have not been cleared since October and that makes the paths very slippery in wet weather. Sunish suggested we contact Julie Price with this problem.

Events

Discussion took place within the Group as to the organisation of 'Paws in the Park' We need Marshalls to organise the cars coming into the Park and we need people to set up the arena early in the morning. SL is compiling a list of people who will give a commitment to be in attendance on the day of Paws. Lisa has sent a message to say that the PA System does work and Liam will come early to set it up. Also Lisa and her Dad will give a commitment to be there on the day. Other members at the meeting have given their commitment also.

9. Sports and Play Facilities

It was reported that all facilities are well used.

10. Any Other Business

It was suggested that we decide a project to raise money for in the park at the start of each year. It was felt that this would give a definite purpose to our fund raising

11. Park Diary

Paws in the Park 2015 to take place 19th July 2015

Bat Walk – Wednesday 9th September 2015 (time to be confirmed)
BG commented that it is important that people attending bring a torch.

Date of Next General Meeting - Monday 18th May 2015 at 7p.m

Yours sincerely,

Lisa Ingram

Secretary FofRHP