



# Friends of Red House Park

## General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015

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

Chairs opening remarks:  
BG welcomed all

### 1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	-	Chair
David Fisher (DF)	-	Vice Chair
Christine Horton (CH)	-	Treasurer
Lisa Ingram (LI)	-	Secretary
Sonia Vaughn (SV)		
Sandra Lloyd (SL)		
Joe McNamara (JM)		
Graham Jones (GJ)		
Jennie Dhanjal (JD)		
Alethea Hegney (AH)		
Derek Steel (DS)		
Paul Evans (PE)	-	Police representative

Apologies were received from Steve Melia

### 2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

- Accepted as a true record

### 3. Matters arising from those minutes

- Path previously noted has now been resurfaced.
- Nettles have been cleared from beds at entrance to the park

### 4. Reports

#### i. Chair

- No new report was made

#### ii. Secretary

- No new report was made.

#### iii. Treasurer

- No new report was made

#### iv. Council

- SP confirmed works to repair paths and area around MUGA bench
- A key for the gates has been received by the Friends

- CH queried whether the gardener is to be replaced. SP informed that a budget meeting will take place on 1<sup>st</sup> July at which this will be confirmed
- SL queried the disposal of garden rubbish that is near to the house. It is possible that this is a compost heap. SP will check

v. Police

- There are on-going problems in the area with quad and motorbikes. If these are seen in the park the police ask that registration numbers be taken if possible and a call made
- There have been some burglaries in the area and residents should be reminded to lock doors and windows in the warm weather.

## 5. Red House Park

i. Features of the Park

- SP was asked if there is a confirmed start date for development works, he is not aware of one
- SP recommended that Julie Price be contacted to look at funding opportunities for installation of matting to increase parking spaces for events and busy periods
- LI raised again the future lack of disabled access to the park when the Hill Lane parking is absorbed into the development.

ii. Park Environment

- DS noted that the bins are often full to overflowing at busy times. SP explained the costs involved with installing and maintenance of bins
- GJ reported 2 more fallen trees
- GJ also noted that there is a patch of tar on the grass next to the path at the rear of Fairfield Avenue
- LI mentioned that a wild flower patch at Heywoods Nature Reserve Stone Cross looks very effective and asked SP if there was a possibility of a similar area near the ponds

iii. Sports and Play Facilities

- DS queried football teams using car park as a changing area on a Saturday afternoon. It appears to be the same 3 teams every week, SP thinks these may not be booked and has asked that wardens be called when DS next sees this
- GJ informed the group that there is potentially a tennis coach available from Walsall Tennis Club. SP will pass this onto a contact who represents the regular users of the courts

vi. Park Diary

- Paws in the Park 2015 to take place 19<sup>th</sup> July
- DF will check all keys for gates prior to event
- Permits have been issued for stallholders, there are 44 in total
- An inflatable provider will attend and make a donation
- Burger van and jacket potatoes have been booked on a donation basis also
- JD and K9 will mark out the edges of arenas
- K9 and Friends will set out stalls on Fri/Sat
- Bat Walk is to take place on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September

## 6. Any Other Business

- DF has submitted an application form for a grant from Skipton Building Society
- DF has also entered the Mulberry bush into a Countryfile competition

**Date of Next General Meeting - 19.00 Monday 10th August**

Yours sincerely,

*Lisa Ingram*

**Secretary FofRHP**