



Friends of Red House Park

General Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday 7th December 2015

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

1. Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	Joe McNamara (JM)
David Fisher (DF)	Christine Horton (CH)
Sonia Vaughan (SV)	Ed O'Neil (EO)
Sandra Lloyd (SL)	Sunish Patel (SP)
Steven Shannon (SS)	Graham Jones (GJ)

Apologies were received from; Lisa Ingram, Steve Melia, Sarah Gorman, and Alethea Hegney.

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

Were accepted as a true record

3. No Matters Arising

4. Reports

Chair. - Bill Gunn thanked everyone for their hard work at Santa in the Park. The Group felt that the Event had been very successful and they want to thank 'Father Christmas' for all his efforts and hope he enjoys the present we are sending him.

Vice-Chair - DF told the Group that he had been approached to hire out the Community Room. The Group have considered this in the past and have identified a lot of potential problems that may arise. They decided to go into it further and maybe give it a trial run.

Secretary – No report

Treasurer – (AH) sent her apologies but CH reported that AH had texted the total raised was 555.71 and around 114 children visited the Grotto.

5. Events

Paws in the Park 24th July 2016
Santa in the Park 11th December 2016

6. Any Other Business

The Group gave Sandra and Sonia permission to buy what is needed to replenish stocks for the forthcoming events. It is noted that a new Father Christmas Outfit, storage boxes and tombola prizes are amongst the items required.

7. Date of Next Meeting – 18th January 2016

Action/Wish List of the Friends of Red House Park

1. History of House on a Plaque. – **this is being looked into.**
2. Plaque for Mulberry Tree and a fence around it – **this has been referred to Property Services**
3. Replacement Roses and Standard Roses – **passed to Dave Lawley – Grounds Maintenance**

Plaque on Rose Bed stating that ‘The Friends raised the funds and planted the Roses’ **DF to organise this**
4. Tarmac Path from Pavilion to Gate at Newton Rd and round the perimeter of the football pitches to the main path at the Red House for the use of the disabled, pushchairs, joggers and dog walkers –**To be referred to Julie Price and Andy Tromans to look into funding and specifications of the path.**
5. A Flag or Banner to advertise the Friends are in the Pavilion during a Fun Day etc, During the ‘Paws in the Park’ the public did not know the Friends were providing refreshments in the Pavilion . . **The Banner has been ordered**
6. Letters repainted on ‘Keep off the Grass’ notice by the roses. **DF to organise this**
7. Alethea to send copy of signed accounts to Sunish and the Council
8. Discussion and completion of the form provided by Julie Price
-After discussion the Group think funds obtained should be spent on the printing needed for the Events.
9. A Table Tennis Table has been suggested for the Bowling Green. **A quote has been received for the sum of £2437.00 plus VAT which amounts to £2924.40**
10. EO gave a report on the Community Service. He said that he could arrange for them to attend one of our meetings and give us details of what they can do for us.
11. Emails to be sent to Councillors inviting them to attend the meetings
Joe has sent these e.mails

12. SL asked if it could be arranged for the cubs to have a small garden to cultivate wild flowers etc. Part of the Bowling Green could be used for this.
13. It was suggested by the Group that members take a look at the Bowling Green and come back with ideas as to how the area could be best used.