



Friends of Red House Park

Minutes of the General Meeting

Date: Tuesday 6th February 2018

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

Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)
David Fisher
Christine Horton
Sonia Vaughan

Sandra Lloyd
Graham Jones
Steve Melia

Apologies were received from: Joe McNamara, Darryl Magher, Alethea Hegney

Minutes of the previous meeting

Were accepted as a true record

Matters Arising

With reference to the bat detectors discussed in the last meeting, the Group agreed to purchase six more detectors bringing the total owned by the Friends to twenty.

Reports

Chair - Bill thanked everyone for the picture we presented to him for his efforts over the years for the Friends Group.

Vice Chair - (DF) applied for and received one thousand pounds from the 'Tesco Bags'. The money will be used for the woodland area.

Secretary - Nothing to report

Treasurer - We need the accounts for last year so that they can be sent to the Council.

Diary – Events to come

Santa in the Park

Bat Walk – 10th September and 17th September

Any Other Business

Joe has spoken to the Developer who reports that two flats and one house are still for sale. He is going to speak to his boss about a donation.

We have asked Steve Robinson for copies of past and present tree surveys that have been carried out in the park for a record of how the park trees are evolving.

Steve Melia informed the meeting that current funding may be available for park projects.

POOLS:

There is nothing to report on the Pools at the moment.

DISABLED PATHWAY:

Andy Tromans is waiting for new quotes and the council is consulting nearby residents. Steve Melia informed the group that the access footpath is going ahead.

PLAY AREAS: The work is now complete.

TENNIS COURTS: Felling of the poplar tree is being priced up by the Arboricultural Officer together with the tree work on the main avenue.

FIVE A SIDE FOOTBALL GOAL POSTS: One has been welded in, the other is fixed but not Welded.

ZIP WIRE: Still waiting for parts.

NOTICE BOARDS: New Perspex now in stock and the old will be replaced as soon as possible.

BEDS: All beds will be filled in except one which will be adopted by the Friends for plants of their Choice. Darren Jones will mark out the new design for the beds and once agreed, work will continue with the planting.

DEAD BOX TREES: These will be removed by the Gardening Gang.

WOODLAND GROUND MAINTENANCE. The area will first be cleared of brambles in order to see what existing plants are there. The Group have put forward many suggestions for the area including plants, pathways and wildlife. Hedgehogs, owls, birds etc. could be encouraged to the area. Ideas are to be discussed at future meetings.

BINS. All done except one which the Council will do.

LITTER PICKERS – The Group have six litter pickers, given to us by the Council.

DAMP – The Property Maintenance Team have been asked what is being done about the problem.

LITTER – John Satchwell will put notices in the Football Changing Rooms about the litter.

GOOD NEWS - The Group were very pleased that John Satchwell has reported that the application has now gone in for Green Flag Status.

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE 7pm MONDAY 5th MARCH AT THE COMMUNITY PAVILION