



# Friends of Red House Park

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Date: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018  
Venue: The Pavilion, Red House Park, Newton Road, Great Barr, starting at 7.00pm

### Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)	Joe McNamara
Graham Jones	Shirley Hosell
Christine Horton	David Hosell
Sonia Vaughan	David Fisher

**Apologies** were received from Alethea Hegney, Sandra Lloyd and Lorraine Binsley Steve Melia

### Minutes of the previous meeting

Were accepted as a true record except for one alteration to the events. The Bat Walks are as follows:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 7 pm and 9 pm  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September between 7 pm and 9 pm

Santa in the Park 9<sup>th</sup> December 2018

### Matters Arising

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Chair Bill thanked the Group for their hard work during the year. He said he would liked to have seen Red House Park receive the Green Flag status but unfortunately this was not to be.

All members resigned and David Hosell took over the meeting. He asked Bill if he would accept the position of Honorary President and presented him with a plaque for his outstanding commitment to Red House Park.

David Fisher was elected as Chair and took over the meeting. The following officers were elected

David Fisher	-	Chair
Joe McNamara	-	Vice Chair
Alethea Hegney	-	Treasurer
Sonia Vaughan	-	Secretary

The Committee requested the Treasurer's Report be ready for discussion at the next Meeting.

## **Any Other Business**

Two PCSO's have asked if they could attend our meetings. We have agreed that we will send them copies of the Minutes and add them to our database and this will enable them to keep up to date with what is happening in the Park. Their names are Arjan and Harriett.

We understand the drop bollard has been repaired since this meeting

The locking of the gates has yet to be sorted out, but there are members of the public who have volunteered

We have been able to get a copy of the feedback from the Green Flag Team and the Group felt that it made very disappointing reading. They were particularly upset by the last paragraph which stated that the Friends did not come to meet the Team. In actual fact the Pavilion had been thoroughly cleaned and refreshments laid on as a welcome by our Vice Chairman at 1 pm as previously arranged. The next day we were told that they did the judging in the morning and had gone by 1 pm.

The Friends are also upset on finding out the disparity between the budgets for flowers in the various parks, in some years there has been no money spent on Red House Park whereas other parks had received quite a lot of money for their planting. In a lot of cases Red House Park has bought the flowers themselves.

The Action Plan for Improvements will be sent out with these Minutes

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE MONDAY 1st OCTOBER IN THE PAVILION**