



Friends of Red House Park

Minutes of the General Meeting

Date: Monday 1st October 2018

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

Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn (BG)

Graham Jones

Christine Horton

Sonia Vaughan (SV)

Lorraine Binsley

Joe McNamara

David Fisher (DF)

Sandra Lloyd (SL)

Alethea Hegney

Apologies were received from Shirley Hosell, David Hosell, Steve Melia PCSO Sloane and PCSO Sandhu.

Minutes of the previous meeting

Were accepted as a true record

Matters Arising

No Matters Arising

Reports

Chair. (DF) Thanked Bill for all his hard work and said that he was glad Bill was going to continue to help where he can and still be involved with the Group

Treasurer (AH) said that the Income and Expenditure Account will be ready for the next meeting.

Events – (DF) reported that the Bat Walks had been very successful. They were well attended and raised £220.00

(DF) said he felt that the group on the second night was too big and consequently fewer bats came out because of the noise. It was decided that next year it would be better to hold the event later in September when it gets darker earlier also to hold a separate event just for the cubs

Environment

We have been informed that we will not have a static Gardener. The Park will be looked after by mobile Gardeners. Hopefully this arrangement will be beneficial to the upkeep of the park.

The Group have requested that when the flower beds are sorted out the roses should be kept and replanted where possible

Any Other Business

Funding – (SL) advised the Group that if we want to obtain funding from the Lottery we have to have a project in mind. The Group suggested that a Band Stand would be beneficial to the Park but this is something that the lottery would not fund (DF) explained to the Group that we have been advised that to get funding we need charitable status in order to give us credibility when applying. It was also suggested that we need a new Constitution but (DF) felt this was not necessary.

Information Boards – The Group felt that these would be very beneficial both to the look of the park and be of interest to the public. They could include information about the mulberry tree the Hermitage Caves, the obelisk, the House and any other item of interest

Gate Locking – The Council have explained that they cannot give keys to the public to lock the gates because they could be attacked while they were doing it and that would be the Council's responsibility.

The question was asked if the park receives the income from the mast next to the pavilion.

PARKS TEAM:

Grounds Maintenance.

Park Strategy. Darren Jones, John Satchwell and Andrew Tromans

THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER AT 7 PM IN THE PAVILION