



Friends of Red House Park

Minutes of the General Meeting

Date: Monday 3rd December 2018

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

Attendance and Apologies for Absence

Bill Gunn
Sonia Vaughan
Sandra Lloyd
Christine Horton

Joe McNamara
Graham Jones
Lorraine Binsley

Apologies: Steve Melia, Alethea Hegney, David Fisher, PCSO Harriett Sloane and PCSO Sandu and Shirley and David Hosell

Minutes of the previous meeting

Were accepted as a true record

Matters Arising

No Matters Arising

Reports

Chair. (DF) was not well enough to attend the meeting.

Vice Chair – Joe McNamara took the meeting as the Vice Chairman.

Treasurer – Pending the income and expenditure account

Events – The Group discussed the final arrangements for Santa in the Park

Picnic in the Park – The Group are approaching bands in the area with a view to them taking part in the above event. They are also looking at the costs in hiring a marquee.

Any Other Business. - (SV) reported that she had e.mailed ‘Go Play’ explaining why we could not accommodate ‘After School Clubs’. We have not received a reply.

(SV)has contacted Max Cookson about the rent from the mobile phone mast. He explained that the amount of money received was very small and would only just cover the costs of paperwork.

It is felt that all vehicle access gates should be locked. The police have also added their voice to the plea. The crime in the area has increased and the gates being open makes it easier for burglaries drug dealing etc to take place. We understand

this is being discussed and we will receive an update shortly.

A member of the public who walks in the park after dark felt that lights should be put down the central avenue. The Group discussed this and felt that it would increase the crime and disturb the bats. It was unanimously decided not to install lights.

(SL) was very concerned that she was not able to contact the wardens the number was unobtainable. The number she was using was 07850 013 77

Pool Pollution – It is the responsibility of the owner of a property to make sure the drains are connected properly. In this case the owner has been contacted and the matter is in hand.

(DF) is going to ask the Council if we can install a Christmas Tree at the entrance to the park. It is too late for this year but would be a very nice addition to the park next year

The meeting dates for 2019 are attached

The next meeting will be 7th January 2019 at the Pavilion