



Friends of St. George's Park

Friday 7th December 2012, 7-8pm,
The Blue Bell, Hurcott Road, Kidderminster.

Present: John Stevenson, (JS), Alan Breen, (AB), Carol O'Brien, (CO), Fran Oborski, (FO), Roger Mayo, (RM), Mary Rayner, (MR), Sue Tew, (ST), Spike Betterton, (SB),

Apologies: Rob Brown, (RB), Howard Martin, (HM), Justin Bryant (JB), Mumshad Ahmed, (MA), Andy Forbes, Babita Saroy.

1. JS welcomed all to meeting

2. Matters arising from November meeting;
To be covered elsewhere.

3. Finance update;

Money from WFDC on behalf of MR had now been issued as a cheque as the BACS payment had been returned. Monies from HM and Adrian Sewell are still being processed.

4. Future meetings;

Will continue in Blue Bell unless advised. CO and SB had met with Fiona McPhie from WCC that morning at the Radford Avenue building. SB now has a set of keys. We have use of the storage space and will negotiate use of building.

5. Co-op Nursery:

John and Sally Stevenson had attended the recent open day at the nursery on behalf of the group.

6. Events;

a. Carol and Mince Pies, (14th Dec): We have use of the Children's Centre . ST has gas burner for use in shelter to warm wine. Volunteers to meet at 5pm. in park to set up for 5.30 start.

b. KAF13 (10th Aug 2013): The park event is aimed at children up to 12. An X-pressions grant application has been submitted to WFDC this is to

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cover costs of various acts and workshops some nationally known. Other sources of funding to be investigated. Suggestion of involving St. George's Church with a possible evening event. JS thanked CO for work so far.

c. Broadwaters Christmas Market: CO suggested an alternative game involving playing cards and chocolates as the initial suggested treasure map would not be ready in time.

7. Park; AB reported that:

a. Benches; these had been delivered and should be installed w/c 19th Dec.

b. Tree damage; some trees had been wrapped in hessian and treated with chilli powder. Group offered to take on the renewal of chilli powder coating as required. MR thanked parks via AB for their prompt action over this worrying damage.

c. Lighting; new post is fitted and floodlights repaired.

d. Crocus planting; both community event and school planting with St. Ambrose had been successful with photograph in Shuttle taken by Colin Hill of school group.

e. Fruit Trees; Due to be planted w/c 10th Dec.

f. QE11 Fields. WFDC legal dept. looking into implications of registration. JS will follow up.

Group thanked AB for attending the meeting and WFDC for their work in the park.

8. Any other business;

a. Weavers' Cottages; FO informed group that the planning application for restoration/ extension into private housing had been submitted.

b. Park Forum; JS, RB, CO and SB had attended on behalf of group. It was generally felt to be a more positive meeting than those held previously. Various issues had been discussed that affected the local parks.

Next meeting to be at The Blue Bell, Hurcott Rd. 11th January 2013. 7.pm
unless otherwise informed.