



Friends Of St. George's Park

Friday 11th January 2013, 7-8pm,
The Blue Bell, Hurcott Road, Kidderminster.

Present: John Stevenson (JS), Carol O'Brien (CO), Rob Brown (RB), Howard Martin (HM), Fran Oborski (FO), Roger Mayo (RM), Sue Tew (ST), Mary Rayner (MR), Adam, Lucy, Nicky Griffiths (NG), Spike Betterton (SB),

Apologies: Justin Bryant (JB), Mumshad Ahmed (MA), Andy Forbes, Babita Saroy, Alan Breen, (AB), Rachel Harrison.

1. JS welcomed all to meeting

2. **Matters arising from December meeting;** To be covered elsewhere.

3. **Finance update:** RB had spoken with WFDC about problems with BACS payments to building societies. WFDC to alter their 'paperwork' to accommodate required information.

4. **Future meetings:** Still no firm arrangements.

5. **Co-op Nursery:** The Co-operative Childcare had offered the use of their meeting room for February and a tour of premises beforehand. This was welcomed by all.

6. **Events:**

a. Carol and Mince Pies, (14th Dec): Feedback: The weather had been miserable but a small group had still gathered and sung carols under the awning of the police vehicle whilst refreshments were served from the shelter. A 'Contingency Plan' should be adopted for future events in case the need to cancel should arise. Agreed to hold this year; Friday 13th Dec.

b. Broadwaters Christmas Market had brought a profit of £5.50. Stall considered a success and could in future probably raise funds if donations are received for 'prizes'. The suggestion of a treasure map based on the park will be investigated. MR's guest Adam will meet up with CO, ST and SB in the park to discuss.

c. St. George's Day Event: Viking re-enactment group are booked. FO to approach scouts regarding barbecue. ST to approach church regarding opening on the day. Quotes for porta-loos and a bouncy castle will be obtained and 2 face painters. Morris dancers and a science display also suggested. Funding will be needed. County Council

may be 'embargoed due to elections. FO to look into possibilities.

d.KAF13 (10th Aug 2013): CO reported that the Xpressions grant submitted on behalf of the group had been successful. This is for £1000 towards the cost of entertainment on the day. Other sources of funding will need to be sourced.

e. Aim to have another cycle security event in the autumn. Police hope to continue 'Coffee in the Park' from March. Group had been approached by Happy Staffie charity about a novelty dog show. SB to liaise with them regarding a suitable date.

7. Park: New benches have now been fitted and fruit trees planted;
3 Worcester Black Pear, 2 Worcester Pearmain Apple and 3 Cherry.

A light in shelter and socket in 'plant room' to be discussed with WFDC as part of works involved with installing paddling pool pump etc.

8. Any other business:

QEll Fields, JS reported that WFDC cabinet had now approved the submission of the park along with Baxter Gardens Park and Springfield Park to the scheme.

Nature /History Tail. ST had been investigating costs of display boards/lecterns and passed round some examples. ST and SB to liaise regarding park history.

Corina Harper had approached group regarding wall painting. This is an area that has been highlighted before for artwork as well as repainting the shelter. Ownership of the wall to be investigated and designs discussed for both. Corina and Adam to be invited to present ideas along with any other interested artists.

FO mentioned a plan for some 'guerilla gardening' at Anchorfields. WFDC had agreed to issue a license to allow work to take place. Group agreed it was a good idea to increase the amenity / wildlife value of this 'waste land'.

Next meeting to be at The Co-operative Childcare building on Coventry St. 1st February 7.pm. With a tour of premises available at 6.30pm.