



Friends Of St. George's Park

Friday 1st February 2013, 7-8pm,

The Co-operative Childcare, Coventry Street, Kidderminster.

Present: John Stevenson (JS), Carol O'Brien (CO), Rob Brown (RB), Babita Saroy, Alan Breen, Fran Oborski (FO), Roger Mayo (RM), Sue Tew (ST), Nicky Griffiths (NG), Rachel Harrison, Emily Moore, Spike Betterton (SB),

Apologies: Justin Bryant (JB), Mumshad Ahmed (MA), Andy Forbes, (AB), Mary Rayner (MR),

1. Babita Saroy welcomed everyone to The Co-operative Childcare building and JS welcomed all to meeting.

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

3. **Finance update:** RB gave a rundown of recent transactions. Money had been received from Cllrs Howard Martin and Adrian Sewell through community leadership fund and X-Pressions Grant for KAF13 had also been received. Cheque had been issued to pay for new benches. Transferring the groups account to a different provider was discussed and various establishments suggested. RB and CO to make enquiries and feedback.

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

5. **Co-op Nursery:** Some members had been shown around the premises before the meeting and were impressed. BS explained that the Co-op encouraged community involvement and that staff may come along to events and work groups. She offered the use of Nursery meeting room for April group meeting which was welcomed. The group thanked her for the use of the building for the meeting.

6. **Events:**

a. **St. George's Day Event:** Vikings are booked. 1 Facepainter, various stalls and possibly Co-op 'Pioneers'. Need to arrange Bouncy Castles, BBQ, Ice-cream. Suggestion of Community Wardens manning a property marking stand. St. George's Church will be open for refreshments with toilets available. Possibility of Science,

Technology, Engineering and Mechanics Roadshow.

b. KAF13: CO reported that plans are still progressing. There is a possibility of the County Mobile Museum attending.

c. Coffee in the Park: RH confirmed that Police will resume this on the second Friday of the month beginning 8th March 6-8pm

7.Park: AB updated the group on various issues. The plan is to build a 'pump house' on the back of the shelter and transfer pump from Brinton's Park to it. A light in shelter and socket in pump house would be provided at same time. Paddling pool is due to have surface removed ready for repair. Picnic bench should be moved to meadow area in April. WFDC had begun job of edging grass areas.

a. Heritage/Wildlife Trail : ST reported back that she was in contact with suppliers of boards for quotes.

b. Work Party: Planned for Saturday 16th. Weeding steps and edging are priority. A narrow strip along the railings will be prepared to sow Wild-flower seeds. AB confirmed WFDC could supply seed.

8. Any other business: ST, CO and JS hope to attend 'Writing Fantastic Bids' course.

RM raised the issue people accessing paddling pool area through a garden gate in Silver St and allowing dogs to run free/ foul area. AB to look into securing gate etc.

Next meeting to be held on 1st March at The Blue Bell, Hurcott Road at 7pm.