



Friends Of St. George's Park

Friday 5th October 2012, 7-8pm,
The Blue Bell, Hurcott Road, Kidderminster.

Present: Carol O'Brien, (CO), Rob Brown, (RB),
Roger Mayo, (RM), Mary Rayner, (MR), Spike Betterton, (SB),

Apologies: John Stevenson, (JS), Howard Martin, (HM), Fran Oborski, (FO),
Sue Tew, (ST), Justin Bryant (JB), Mumshad Ahmed, (MA), Alan Breen,

1. CO welcomed all to meeting

2. Matters arising from October meeting;

QE11 Fields, Joe Scully has been e-mailed with a formal request from group to register park with scheme.

3. Finance update;

RB reported that BACS payment had been returned by Nationwide to WFDC. Group would in future ask for a cheque to be issued instead unless problem can be sorted. RB to e-mail local councillors to discuss.

£125 has been spent on bike racks, £165 on 30 sets of bike lights for recent event in park along with £25.18 for chinks, charcoal, fruit etc.

4. Future meetings;

Will continue in Blue Bell unless advised. SB in contact with WCC on behalf of group about future of Radford Avenue building.

5. Co-op Nursery:

RM reported that contractors working on nursery conversion had bolted fence post through wall and had trampled a section of hedge when installing new gates that open into the park. He had replanted some of the whips. Group to raise concerns with Co-op

6. Events;

a. The Big Draw, Secure-a-cycle (1st Nov); WFDC had fitted the new hoops and the event went ahead despite the adverse weather. Some locks and lights had been distributed, the rest will be kept for a future event.

Likewise with unopened chinks and charcoal. Opened packets to be given to the Boar's Head Gallery as thanks for their support with materials.

b. Coffee in the Park (9th Nov); Police van had become stuck in soft ground after the event. Group were disappointed at the mess left in the park by the vehicles involved in removing the van. RM had attempted to fill in the tyre tracks. Police will park in a better area next time, group will put up banner on railings in the morning to advertise the event to try and get more people to attend.

c. Carol and Mince Pies, (14th Dec). This will coincide with Coffee in the Park and will be discussed at December meeting.

d. KAF13 (Aug 2013); JS,CO,and RB had met with Loz Samuels from WFDC to discuss. Quotes from a theatre group and other events will be needed by the end of Nov. Small group will liaise with Loz.

7. Park;

a. Benches; these should be ordered soon.

b. Tree damage; This continues and possible forms of protection were discussed. MR offered to raise again with WFDC.

c. Lighting; It is hoped to use some of the available section 106 money to install these. WFDC to get quotes.

d. Crocus planting; Agreed to organise a community planting on Sat 17th Nov. and to arrange a second planting with a local school on Thur.22nd.

8. Any other business;

a. Weavers' Cottages; The previous week's public meeting about plans to restore the cottages was discussed and it was agreed to follow developments closely especially a suggestion of community use/ museum for the site.

b. Pub Quiz; group hopes to be represented

c. Christmas market; group agreed to have a stall, discussion to follow about what type.

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

