

Friends of St George's Park

7th December 2010



Present

Spike Betterton - SB (Chair)
 Roger Mayo - RM
 Sue Tew - ST
 PCSO Brian Cornibert - BC
 Gehardt Kruckow - GK
 Gary Brookfield - GB

Apologies

Stan Reeves
 Chris Martin
 PCSO Nathan Chater
 PC Rob Piper
 Monika Boehmer
 Paul O'Sullivan
 John Stevenson
 Carol O'Brien
 Rob Brown
 Howard Martin
 Fran Oborski
 Justin Bryant

Who	What	By When	Comments
	<p>Hedge Group discussed the removal of the hedge in the paddling pool area. They expressed their annoyance at the lack of consultation by WFDC on date of this and the subsequent removal of the next section up to the shelter</p>		
	<p>Railings SB informed group that WFDC also now are considering removing the railings between shelter and paddling pool and that they wish to replace conifer hedge alongside Silver St and tennis court with hawthorn. Group discussed whether it would be better to keep railings and replant another hedge or trees /shrubs in this area. They agreed that the conifer hedge should not be removed until the proposed hawthorn hedging behind Silver St. had begun to establish.</p>		

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	<p>Exposed Metalwork RM and GK informed group that the exposed metalwork and concrete bench pads next to circular area were removed on 2nd December.</p>		
	<p>Notice Board Group discussed the colour and wording for the notice board. Black notice board with the wording "St. George's Park" on a header board was decided upon.</p>		
	<p>Funding ST Presented group with £50 from the 'Coffee Pot' at St. George's Church towards bird-boxes. Group thanked her.</p> <p>SB informed group that a letter of thanks had been sent to MB for her donation last month.</p>		
	<p>Daffodil Day SB ST and GK informed others that approx. 35 people had turned up on Nov 27th and despite the sprinkling of snow a total of 12 plots had been planted along Radford Ave. Unfortunately due to the deterioration in weather conditions since the rest of the bulbs have yet to be planted. A discussion had taken place at the event as to the practicality of the two primary schools planting on this bank. It was suggested at the time and the group agreed that both school should plant their 'plots' along the railings next to the Ring Road by the Silver St. entrance.</p> <p>SB wished to express his thanks to those who had attended and stated that certificates would be issued to those who had planted at a later date once all completed.</p>		

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SB ST GK	<p>Carols and Mince Pies in the Park. Friday 17th Dec. 5-7pm.</p> <p>Group discussed what would happen at this event. It was agreed to meet at the Children's Centre at 4pm. It was agreed that we should provide hot drinks and mince pies from the centre. ST offered to borrow some vacuum jugs so that drinks could also be dispensed in the park. GK offered to obtain polystyrene cups for use at this and future events. Both ST and GK offered to supply 2 doz. 'home made' mince pies each. SB offered to make a cake. ST would see if she could borrow some Song Sheets that could be photocopied. It is hoped that the park lights will be working by then and that it will be possible to also access the electricity box to use for other festive lights and a CD player to provide background music.</p>	17.12.2010	
	<p>Wildlife</p> <p>GK gave an update on the park wildlife and expressed his dismay at the removal of yet another hedgerow in the park.</p>		
ST GK G RM	<p>Newsletter</p> <p>SB distributed newsletters to those present to deliver.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ST- Birmingham Rd/ Coventry St./ Trinity Fields. ○ GK- Leswell La/ Leswell Gr/ Findon St. ○ G - Eddy Rd/ Queen St. ○ RM- Hurcott Rd from Gheluveld Ave towards Chester Rd. 	ASAP	
	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>SB Reported that he had had an email from Graham Timmins (Park Patrol) that a quote had been received to fix the lights and that contractor was waiting for the 'order to be raised' from WFDC to continue.</p>		

Future Meetings Dates		
Date	Time	Venue
Friday 7 th January 2011	7pm-8pm	Rainbow Children's Centre, Radford Avenue
Friday 4 th February 2011	7pm-8pm	Rainbow Children's Centre, Radford Avenue
Friday 4 th March 2011	7pm-8pm	Rainbow Children's Centre, Radford Avenue