

Friends of St George's Park

2nd December 2011

Held at the Red Man Inn, Blackwell Street



Present

Spike Betterton - SB (Chair)
Gehardt Kruckow - GK
Roger Mayo - RM
Sue Tew - ST
Justin Bryant - JB
Fran Oborski - FO
Sally Stevenson - SS

Apologies

Monika Boehmer
Alan Breen - WFDC
Nicky Griffiths
John Stevenson
Carol O'Brien
Rob Brown
Stan Reeves
CSO Rachel Harrision

Who	What
1	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">SB welcomed everyone to the first meeting held at the Red Man Inn.
2	Finance Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">SB updated the group:<ul style="list-style-type: none">£4846.77 in the accountBroken down as:<ul style="list-style-type: none">General Funds - £894.40Events Budget - £952.37Meadow Project - £500.00Benches - £2500.00<ul style="list-style-type: none">This includes the £1500 from Cllr M.Ahmed Divisional FundFunding bids<ul style="list-style-type: none">Local Policing Community Fund - It was suggested this could be applied for to cover the costs of young people repainting the youth hut ACTION - JB to look into

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Coop & Waitrose community funds - It was agreed to apply for these for general funds. JB, will look into Waitrose, ST will look into Coop ACTION JB & ST research and get forms ○ Diamond Jubilee Fund - WFDC - Several ideas were discussed but it was agreed that the group would like to continue and put on the 'Diamond Jubilee Big Lunch' in the park. This could incorporate a kid's party in the park for the local primary schools and the development of a nature trail for them to follow. The group agreed to discuss the idea with the local schools. ACTION - JB talk to St. Marys School ACTION - FO talk to St. Ambrose School ACTION - SB talk to St. George's School ACTION - JB download the application forms
3	<p>Hedge Planting - 15th November</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All agreed it was a great afternoon. SB thanked all group members who came down to help. The young people, from St. George's School, and group volunteers helped plant 420 trees and in addition to this were able to help plant the paddling pool border with Polyanthus. • The group requested that an email is sent to WFDC to thank them for the 2 employees who helped with the planting. It was noted that they were both really helpful and very patient with the young people. ACTION - JB to send email on behalf of the group
4	<p>Benches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AB has informed the group that the benches that we have ordered are slightly too big for the recessed alcoves! However all is not lost and WFDC have suggested that the alcoves are enlarged slightly to incorporate the benches. AB has suggested this should be completed week commencing 5th December. • Picnic bench for meadow area - We are waiting for prices and spec of potential benches. ACTION - AB to send details and prices to JB so he can distribute to the group.
5	<p>Meadow Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kissing Gate - Awaiting delivery • Conifers - Stumps have now been removed and WFDC have put grass seed down. This may have to be redone in spring if not taken. The group agreed the area looked really good with trees gone.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildflower Meadow - ST distributed a seed catalogue and price list. ST has also received an email from the Wildlife Trust that confirms from a wildlife perspective that 'Roundup' or other similar herbicides are ok to use from a wildlife perspective. This led to a discussion on the groups preferred method of preparing the ground. The group concluded that if possible they would like to see the turf removed or covered instead of using herbicides. ACTION - JB/SB to arrange a site visit with Alan Breen and GK to discuss options and costs etc.
6	<p>Carols & Mince Pies in the Park - Friday 16th December 5.30 - 6.30pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB distributed posters & flyers for the event. ST asked if a large poster could be printed to display outside of Church. JB will be able to do this. ACTION- JB to email poster to John Stevenson ACTION - ST email words for poster to JB who will print them • It was agreed the following equipment is needed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Candles - JB to purchase ○ Extension lead - JB to supply ○ Mulled Wine - ST will organise as this has been donated by St. George's Church Choir. ○ Plastic cups - JB to supply ○ Bucket of Sand - SB to supply ○ Flasks - JB to supply ○ CD player - JB to supply ○ Rope lights etc - SB to supply ○ Disinfectant - SB to supply • JB will complete a risk assessment • SB requested that volunteers who are able to help set up meet at the Childrens centre at 5pm
7	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social event in January - SB that the social evening is held on Thursday 26th January so that the group can take advantage of one of the many offers available - the group agreed. A final decision concerning the venue will be made at the January meeting. • 'Memorandum of Understanding' Meeting 20th December 6-7.30pm - SB updated the group on the progress of this. The next stage will be for representative's from the various friends of groups to meet with WFDC to discuss further. In the meantime Vestia will meet with WFDC to contribute their feedback. A revised document should be available for discussion at the meeting on 20th December. <p>SB asked if there were volunteers who would like to attend the meeting on behalf of the group. No one present volunteered so it was suggested</p>

	<p>the info is emailed out to other group members who showed an interest at the last meeting.</p> <p>ACTION - JB to email out details to other group members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group visit to Mayors Parlour - the group has been invited to visit the Mayors parlour. SB suggested that a suitable date is identified in February. <p>ACTION - SB contact Mayor office to organise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January Meeting Date - Due to the Christmas holidays the group agreed to meet on the 2nd Friday of January (13th). The group agreed that meeting in the pub was a good move therefore the group agreed to meet at the Red Man Inn for the meeting in January. • St. George's School - SB informed the group that he has been asked to become a Community Governor at St. George's School. The group agreed this would be great to formalise links between the School and the group and it also recognised the hard work Spike had put in building the positive relationship with the school.
8	<p>Future meeting dates:</p> <p>Friday 13th January 2012 - Meeting will be held at the Red Man Inn, Blackwell Street. (JB will meet people at the Childrens Centre, 6.50pm, for those who want to walk down to the pub together)</p>

SB closed the meeting and wished the group a Happy Christmas