

Friends of St George's Park

2nd March 2012

Held at the Rainbow Childrens Centre



Present

Spike Betterton - (SB) (Chair)
John Stevenson - (JS)
Roger Mayo - (RM)
Fran Oborski - (FO) (Treasurer)
Sue Tew - (ST)
Chris Tew - (CT)
Carol O'Brien - (CO)
Rob Brown - (RB)
Alan Breen (AB) - WFDC
Justin Bryant - (JB) (Secretary)
Paul O'Sullivan (PO) - TCHG Warden
PCSO Rachel Harrison - (RH)
Howard Martin - (HM)
Gehardt Kruckow - (GK)

Apologies

Monika Boehmer
Nicky Griffiths
Mumshad Ahmed

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| 1 | Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">SB welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made for the benefit of new members. |
| 2 | Finance Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">Account Summary: Balance at last meeting - £3535.38 Money in since last meeting - £84.13<ul style="list-style-type: none">£0.13 - Net interest£30.00 - Donation from Greenhill TCC£5.00 - Donation from Dianne Macolan£49.00 - Proceeds from pub quiz Money out since last meeting - £679.76<ul style="list-style-type: none">£196.76 - BTCV Public Liability Insurance - General budget£483.00 - WFDC Kissing Gate - Meadow budget |

Friends of St. George's Park - Nationwide Treasurers Trust Account

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| Account Balance | |
| | £2,939.75 |
| Project Balances | |
| General | £801.77 |
| Events | £935.98 |
| Meadow | £17.00 |
| Benches | £1,185.00 |
| | £2,939.75 |

- Jubilee Fund bid has been submitted to WFDC for £650. Awaiting outcome.

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Benches

- **Update**
Metal picnic bench due to be moved to the top field at an appropriate time.

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Meadow Project

- **Kissing Gate**
The instillation has been completed and the entrance area has been paved. The group are receiving very positive feedback about this addition to the park and thanked WFDC for the fitting of the gate and the paving of the entrance area.

The group discussed the idea of painting the gate. At the moment it is galvanised steel therefore looks quite good. After discussion the group and WFDC decided to leave it as it is with the option of painting it in the future if needed.

ACTION: Press release and opening to be organised
- **Wildflower Meadow**
AB updated the group that WFDC are now looking at engaging a contractor to complete the ground preparation as this will be more cost effective than hiring the machinery. The preparation is due to take place week commencing 19th March 2012.

Yellow Rattle is included in the mix which will naturally help to control the grass. AB confirmed the seed will be ordered next week.

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| 5 | <p>Event - Saturday 21st April 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The group agreed to use the event budget, which is currently £935.98 • Face painting - FO has contact 1 face painter. It was agreed another should be booked as this worked well last year. ACTION: JB to contact Avril • Corn Dollies - JB updated the group this will cost £150 + travel from Tenbury. After discussion the group agreed this should be booked. ACTION: JB to book • Community Union - RB updated the group he has been in contact with the Community Union who may be interested in attending the event. RB will follow up. • Advertising - the group agreed that a poster with red, white & blue flags and St. George Cross flags/Daffodils would be appropriate. ACTION: Vestia to design • Food - FO updated the group she has secured the services of the Scout BBQ. • Drinks - it was suggested that one of the local takeaways may want to provide drinks on the day? • Street Dancers - CO asked if these had been contacted yet. JB informed the group this action was outstanding. ACTION: JB to contact WFDC • Bands - The group agreed to put info on website and in a press release asking for local bands etc to get involved. CO passed on the details of 'Whalebone' ACTION: JB will make contact to find out their charges etc. • The group agreed to purchase a banner for display along the ring road - 'Event here this Saturday'. JB will approach the Big Print Shop to see if they will offer a discount if we include their logo. |
| 6 | <p>Statement of Joint Working (SOJW)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FO & HM raised concerns about Vestia being included in the SOJW. Members of the group felt the reason for Vestia inclusion was unclear. JB explained that Vestia is currently supporting various 'Friends of' groups in the area as part of the Area of Highest Need Project which is overseen by the Wyre Forest Area of Highest Need Board. |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • FO & HM explained that they had recently met with Linda Collis, WFDC Director of Community Well-being & Environment, who also shared their concerns about Vestia's inclusion in the SOJW. • The group discussed this issue at length. The conclusion was that the majority of the group felt they would not be able to sign up to the SOJW at this point. • The group agreed that the Parks Forum' was a good idea and that representatives from the group would attend and engage. |
| 7 | <p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newsletter - Will aim for early April delivery. JB distributed a draft copy. ACTION: JB to coordinate printing & delivery • Social Media - JB reminded the everyone to join the Facebook group, follow the group on Twitter & comment on the new stories on the website - details below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Twitter - FoSGPark ○ Facebook - Friends of St. George's Park, Kidderminster ○ Website - www.stgeorgespark.weebly.com • Nationwide Treasurers Trust Account Address - The group agreed that the building society account will be registered at the home address of SB. ACTION: Change of address form to be completed • Dog Fouling - RM commented that there is a particular problem with dog fouling in the park at the moment, the group agreed. SB has some signs and stickers to put up advertising the fixed penalty notices for not clearing up after your dog. It was suggest this could be discussed at the Parks forum as it is an issue that affects all parks in the area. • Mayors Parlour Visit - This took place on Thursday 1st March. Those who attended commented that it was a great evening. IT was agreed to send a letter to the Mayor to thank her for her hospitality. ACTION: Letter to be sent from the group • Commemorative tree planting - SB informed the group that he is arranging a tree planting ceremony for next Friday (9th March). This will be to plant an Indian Bean Tree in St. George's Park and 1 other tree in Baxter Gardens. It is hoped that the Mayor and relatives of the Eddy family will be able to attend. The group thanked WFDC for purchasing the trees. ACTION: An update will sent out to the group when confirmed |

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| 7 | <p>Future meeting dates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next meeting will be held on Friday 13th April (This is the 2nd Friday due to Easter). It will be held at the Rainbow Childrens Hall, Radford Avenue, DY10 2ES |
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