

## Minutes of Friends of Hilly Fields Open Meeting: 14 June 2016

1. Present: Rachel Mooney (Chair), Andrew Harper (Treasurer), Symon Knightswood, , Gemma Buttell (Glendale), Marcus Fox, Colm MacCormac, Fred Harding, Chris Wheal, Alex Burka, Cat Chan, Katarina Thomson, Matthew Dalby.

2. Apologies:, Keith Ward, Frances Ward, Helen Mercer

### 3. Minutes of Last Meeting

3.1 Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as correct.

4		<b>Action:</b>	
4.1	Stencil direction signs for Skanska lamp columns. Had been suggested to do symbols rather than text. Rachel will take forward. Had previously had quote for text stencils, but thought it did not seem good value for money (£100).	RM	
4.2	Table tennis table: Rachel still intending to look into whether it could be added to a larger grant application. Suggest Judith at Glendale (deals with grants) could check.	RM	
4.3	Still looking for a suitable new Friends noticeboard.	<b>RM</b>	
4.4	Repainting of pirate ship will be done before summer holidays. Sand has been topped up. More repairs needed to fence at corner of tennis courts. Parallel bars have been re-straightened. Playground bridge repaired. It appeared after checking that the tennis courts have been cleared of moss. Two dead trees had not been removed, but was agreed to retain to help habitat diversity	<b>Glendale</b>	
4.5	Gemma confirmed that the temporary tree structure should be removed this month, June 2016.		
4.6	Had been agreed to do line markings when weather was dry. Is this in hand?	<b>Glendale</b>	
4.7	Trig Point regeneration: SK will circulate reduced text. Marcus will paint an undercoat when dry. L Stanhope will do the rest.	<b>MF/SK</b>	
4.8	It is thought that the Highways are not willing to put a mirror at junction of Tyrwhit Road and Hilly Fields Crescent.		
4.9	Recycling of material in park bins cannot be done at the moment. The whole recycling contract is out to tender at the moment. People urged to write to MPs, councillors, GreenScene to ensure the contract includes recycling.		
4.10.	Bins/litter: some bins in bad state rusty and often with no base, the new bins are larger and the bin bags are splitting when lifted from bins. Bins need emptying more frequently. CW has requested more Euro bins and suggested one on the cafe side of the tennis courts. Gemma will raise these issues at client meeting. Friends will also ask park users to take litter home with them on FB site and contact schools.	<b>GB</b>	
5	<b>Section 106 works</b>		
5.1	Section 106 works: A-Frame swing – Friends previously had agreed that it was okay not to be oak, so that Glendale could order from one of their usual companies, but requested a natural coloured basket. RM confirmed that SW Play supplied these.	<b>Glendale</b>	
5.2	Agreed happy for the granite sett crossover to go ahead. GB will put in place and RM will circulate the revised spec for the setts.	<b>RM Glendale</b>	
5.3	Peter Maynard of Glendale will be coming to future meetings. GB		

	will introduce.		
5.4	Gemma confirmed Section 106 money has been carried over.		
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Bowls Club</u></b>		
6.1	No-one update from Bowls Club and the requested structural report had not been received. Martin Hyde said that the bowls club held it. It had been requested via members and Lewisham in March 2016.		
6.2	Vince Buchanan has been holding meetings with Bryn of the Bowls Club, but there's been no communication with the Friends. Friends had met with other members of bowls club about proposals for joint community facility.		
6.3	Friends also had met with others from bowls club and requested everyone is kept informed. GB agreed to set up a meeting between all parties.	GB	
6.4	SK has written to the Twentieth Century Society re the Clubhouse following discovery that it was designed by Leonard Manasseh. Also been in contact with Historic England. RM said Tim Brittain-Caitlin and 20 <sup>th</sup> Century Society had offered to write a letter of support if we put in a grant application.		
<b>7</b>	<b><u>Park Activities</u></b>		
7.1	RM had contacted Parkrun, following some a complaint about the wear and muddy corner on Hilly Fields Crescent. They were not keen to make a separate course for winter. They will tell runners to stick to the footpath.		
7.2	Farmers Market: Andrew will put the signs up while Rachel away. Two suggestions made to increase trade: 1. Start earlier on Saturday to gain custom from ParkRun; 2. Switch to Sundays to avoid competition from Brockley Market.	RM	
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>General Maintenance</u></b>		
8.1	Spate of graffiti on noticeboards and bins. Andrew will remove if he knows which chemicals to use. Ring the Glendale office number to report graffiti.	AH/ Glendale	
8.2	Glendale now left some trees with a fringe of longer grass around base, which was an improvement, but they are still not leaving the requested 1 metre of grass un-mown around trees, as per agreed Tree Strategy. Gemma will reiterate the message and report back on current mowing regime.	GB	
8.3	Cliffview boundary issues: main length of hedge only cut once in last 10 years. Stretch by entrance to Vicars Hill was cut more frequently. Alex Burka requested that this stretch change to a two year cut. Gemma will arrange meeting with Angus/Rachel/Tom/Alex. Action: GB  One property has erected fencing on park side.	Glendale GB	
<b>9.</b>	<b><u>Vicars Hill</u></b>		
9.1	Vicars Hill entrance: new bollard still there, needs removing. Old bollard replaced, but needs repairing.		
9.2	Quote of £828 rec'd for new railing along Vicars Hill. Friends can add to that: Rachel to get quote for estate railing. Friends want to pay the extra to ensure the better style of boundary fence.	RM	
9.3	Gemma confirmed Section 106 money has been carried over.		
<b>10</b>	<b><u>Band Stand</u></b>		
10.1	MF reported on the Bandstand project. Current cost estimate is £0.25 million. MF was in contact with an architect and progressing		

	the idea. MF said they could campaign soon to fundraise. RM said they need to know what is proposed and idea had been to do a grant as part of a larger project.		
11	<b>Bird Champion</b>		
11.1	TM reported monthly surveys continue. Dawn chorus walk on 31 March had attracted approx 20 people. Hilly Fields Birdwatch blog continues: latest post 'Feeding Frenzy' had attracted over 200 likes.		
12	<b>Park By-Laws</b>		
12.1	Gemma updated: after DCLG consultation, the updated Lewisham park byelaws are now under review by the Council. Lewisham Parks Forum has been consulted. Maximum fine for breaking byelaws will be £500. The byelaws continue to state that use of motorcycles in parks is unauthorised. RM said that Martin Hyde at Greenscene had confirmed they would come back for consultation. This has not been done.		
	CW suggested that set areas of parks could be used at set times by local motorcyclists wishing to practice skills away from public highways. General feeling of the meeting was opposed to that, but it was agreed to get the view of the Lewisham Parks Forum.		
	Bottons Fun Fair would be returning to Hilly Fields. A donation of £250 to the Friends group had been negotiated.		
	Glendale Film Office had approved an inflatable football event (?) on 25 June. Gemma would get a donation for the Friends.		
	2 new-style benches were ready to be installed and two more requests are in the pipeline. Gemma had marked up plan of positions, The Friends had reservations about the locations of the benches and Rachel will get back to Gemma. Confirmed cost £735 + VAT colour RAL 6005 and with oak slats.		
	Hedge whips planted by NE corner of the school had been replanted by Glendale after they had pulled original up. These have since died. Agreed more hawthorn whips will go in a different location. Gemma will talk to Angus Fraser.		
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13.1	FH confirmed that Pistachios would provide the prize for the Friends of Hilly Fields Midsummer Fayre Quiz.		

### **Next Meeting Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 at 7.30 in the café**

*POST MEETING NOTES of meeting with Bryn McNeill (Bowls Club) and Rachel Mooney (Friends of Hilly Fields)*

*Main points of discussion.*

*Friends vision for community facility with room for classes, forest school, store, health and well being groups all associated with outdoors and park. Are keen to retain, refurbish the Manasseh Pavilion with extension and new facilities. Have been advised of conservation engineers to assess building structure. Have been offered help from an architect to look at report and put together brief and feasibility study (this would have plans, repair and extension costs). Have requested the survey.*

*Bryn demolition required to provide a new facility accommodating bowls and the visiting teams, this may be for four teams at a time. He thinks building on the existing architecture will not provide what they need and that the building is not fit for purpose. Did not want reasons to hold up the project.*

*Both prefer the option to apply for funding for joint bowls shade garden scheme, as a whole park scheme would be a very long process.*