

Minutes of Friends of Hilly Fields Open Meeting: 9 December 2014

1. Present: Rachel Mooney (Chair), Tom Moulton (Secretary), Andrew Harper (Treasurer), Symon Knightswood, Wayne Dyer (Glendale), Fred Harding, Keith Ward, Mike Keogh, Colm McCormac, Helen Mercer, Ruth Meaney, Marcus Fox, Sandy Pollock, Amanda Nelson.

2. Apologies: Alison Stone

3. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising

Agreed as correct. All matters arising to be dealt with under agenda.

		ACTION Date noted	DATE COMPLETE
4 (i)	Rachel and Symon to put together the plan following their survey of benches, bins etc. RM will send SK a jpeg of park plan. Action to agree protocol with Greenscene on memorial benches. No reply from GS re replacing the bench taken away or reason position different to the information given.	RM/SK Glendale	
(ii)	Skanska: Some direction sign-posts, have gone as Greenscene had agreed. Some remain with dog info. Lights in tree canopies and root zones would now cost to put in sensible places.		
(iii)	Small hole in tennis court still not fixed. Greater hole now exists in NE corner of courts – vehicle damage. Glendale will fix both.	Glendale	
(iv)	Brambles have been cut back along Vicars Hill & part of upper Eastern Rd. Discussion as to whether the fencing along Vicars Hill could be removed to aid bramble control and litter removal. Could pose danger to dogs running down slope onto road in places.		
(v)	Playground maintenance: some new sand provided but more needed. More chippings needed around ship. Also some remedial action taken on sandpit ladder but needs replacing. Wayne will follow up.	Glendale/ Wayne	
(vi)	Following Friends complaints (ongoing in 2013 meetings), the moss and mud build	Glendale/W ayne	

	up on courts has finally been tackled. Court line marking/repainting will be done in spring when weather is dry. Should this not be part of Glendale routine maintenance?		
(vii)	New park notice board: one quote received for over £1k. BrocSoc have offered to help funding. Andrew will check whether Lewisham have any spare notice boards. Keith will contact a friend who makes notice boards.	RM/AH/KW	
5	<u>Boundary Hedges and Proposed Working Parties</u> No progress made on this item: Much work needs doing, eg. orchard, boundary hedges, Octavia Hill Garden and memorial meadow. Need for plan and more volunteers. Suggested regular volunteer work sessions first Sunday in every month. Plan needed. Also discuss with Nature's Gym.	RM/TM	
6	<u>Octavia Hill Garden</u> Rachel and Tom still to discuss design plan.	RM/TM	
7	<u>WW1 Memorial Meadow</u> Plan still needed to define extent and shape of meadow (RM/TM). Ground also needs turning over. Wayne will check if Glendale can rotovate. If not, could we hire one? Two replacement trees (oak) are on the way. Third replacement tree for the plane tree felled for crane access to be chased. ONGOING QUERY 11/03/14 and requested info in email to MH at Greenscene 09/09/14	Glendale/ RM	
8	<u>The Lane Parking measures/S106 money</u> Post and railing unlikely to be funded. Blacking over of yellow line is fading. Cars parking on pavements: notices have been put on cars only once. Agreed to propose a	TM	

	<p>review meeting to Green Scene and the school. Re the second £10K S106 money, a council solicitor has said off record that we will get it. TM to write to Martin Hyde. The Friends still wish to have setts installed by the Eastern Rd park gates to slow drivers down. That could be covered (wholly or partially) by the Section 106 money.</p>		
9	<p><u>Events</u> RSPB Big Birdwatch Will be held Sunday 25 January from 10.30-12.30. Volunteer needed to assist Rachel on stall outside cafe.</p> <p>Orchard Wassail To be held either Sunday 8 or 15 February at 4pm, preceded by a pruning & remulching session starting 2pm. RM to ask musicians as last year. HM will bring Wassail, RM the apple.</p> <p>Bat Walk Successful walk held in Sept. Andrew will organise another walk in spring to be led by Nick Pond</p>		
10	<p><u>Development plan</u> Funding still needed. Could look at grants from Parks for the People scheme. Idea of new building for bowls/sports/Friends to be pursued by group consisting of Rachel/Marcus/Helen & reps from Bowls Club and Sports.</p>	RM/HM/MF	
12	<p><u>Bird Champion Report</u> TM reported monthly surveys still being done. Little Owl spotted (by Phil) in Cliffview backgarden, 6 October. Keith reported Sparrowhawk seen in his garden. Hilly Fields Birdwatch blog updated every month – Friends please bookmark and follow.</p>	Action All	
13	<p><u>Bowls</u> Boreholes drilled to gauge stability of clubhouse, but outcome not known.</p>		

	Trees by bowling green need pruning.		
14	<p><u>Hound watch</u> Alison is dealing with. Putting together a database of dog owners, although you don't have to be one to participate in the scheme.</p> <p>Symon is taking over the scheme and will organise stall at Farmers Market via Gemma Buttell. Will also publicise on Friends website.</p>	SK	
15	<p><u>Lewisham Parks Forum</u> AH and SK attending the LPF meeting with Rachel Okinosi on 10 December. List of questions from park groups submitted to RO in advance. Known that John Thompson and Martin Hyde are going onto 3 day week contracts.</p>		
16	<p><u>AOB</u> (i) Unauthorised vehicles/quad bikes in the park – problem seems to be worsening.</p>		
	<p>ii) Ladywell ceilidh made a loss this year. Will continue & are asking local groups/societies to support, sell tickets, book tables on the night etc. Friends will support. Prendergast suggested as alternative to St Mary's Centre.</p>		
	<p>(iii) BrocSoc more tree wardens needed for street trees.</p>		
	<p>(iv) An image of memorial meadow is ready for HF postcard, RM trying to find local printers.</p>	RM	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 10 March 2015, 7.30 – 9.00pm</p>		