

## Minutes of Friends of Hilly Fields Open Meeting: 13th September 2016

1. Present: Rachel Mooney (Chair), Tom Moulton (Secretary), Andrew Harper (Treasurer), Vince Buchanan (Greenscene), Chris Wheal, Gemma Buttell, Glendale, Symon Knightswood, Katarina Thomson, Fred Harding, Colm MacCormac, Nestor Milyaev (Dr Bike), Matthew Dalby. Marcus Fox, Lucy Atlee (ALL Design).

2. Apologies: Helen Mercer, Keith Ward, Frances Ward, Bryn McNeill (bowls club).

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| <b>2</b> | <b>Minutes of Last Meeting (14 June 2016)</b>   |          |
|          | <p>Amendment to Bye Law: VB confirmed that Bye Laws are awaiting approval by DCLG, they had gone through the correct procedures. Friends said they were assured by Martin Hyde that they would have the opportunity to comment further. VB apologized that this had not been done. VB said that it was not usual for legal action to be taken over infringement of the bye laws. CW said that the Bye Laws should be clear about what park users can and cannot do.<br/>CW to write to DCLG.</p> <p>RM concerned that activities such as climbing trees and playing in the playground (particularly children over 13years old) could be criminalised and that in the future infringement may be followed up. As recently dog walkers in the park had been fined (wrongly) for having their dogs off the lead.</p> <p>VB said it would not be OK to climb trees within the park. They use discretion in regards to the enforcement of the byelaws. However it is possible that they would take legal action if it was considered it to be appropriate.</p> | CW       |
| <b>3</b> | <b>Matters Arising</b>  |          |
| 3.1      | Stencilled signs to go on Skanska lamp columns: Rachel still to take forward. Lionel Stanhope had offered to paint on with stencil.   | RM       |
| 3.2      | Table tennis table: Rachel still looking into whether it could be added to a larger grant application.  | RM       |
| 3.3      | Notice Board: awaiting price from blacksmith.   | RM       |
| 3.4      | Playground: (a) repainting of pirate ship and train with Glendale, to be done this autumn, the same colours; (b) repair to tennis court fence has been done. Repair to the tennis court gate, so that it will close is now in hand.   | Glendale |
| 3.5      | Temporary tree structure is still there. GB had contacted them and not sure why it hadn't been taken away in June as agreed.  | Glendale |
| 3.6      | Line marking to tennis courts to be done this autumn.   | Glendale |
| 3.7      | Trig Point renovation, MF to undertake, SK to reduce the text.  | TM/SK    |
| 3.8      | Recyclables will now be taken out of park bins for recycling. There is no money for new separate recycling bins. VB will enquire if we can have recycling wheelie bin by the bothy.   | Glendale |
| 3.9      | CW has met with VB. Two dilapidated bins have been taken away and temporarily replaced. The contract confirms that it is Glendale's responsibility to repair or replace bins. Replacements do not have to be matching or fox proof. It was noted that dog pee contains an acid which rusts the bottom of the bins. The lid to the euro bin by Bothy has been repaired. General bin issues can be reported to email:   | MH       |

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| 3.10     | Friends will be notified of contract monitoring visits in the future, and may accompany.   | Glendale        |
| <b>4</b> | <b>Glendale and General Maintenance</b>  |                 |
| 4.1      | The Friends gave GreenScene list of items for purchase with the £11K Section 106 money (December, 2015). A-frame swing, for outside of playground is to have a natural colour basket and not primary.  | MH              |
| 4.2      | Granite sett had not been done over summer holidays, Gemma to chase.   | GB              |
| 4.3      | TM commented that a new notice board was on the original list for section 106 funding. RM will confirm the list.   | RM              |
| 4.4      | Chemicals for removing graffiti, Glendale cannot provide for friends to use, because Cossh regulations for use. Graffiti to be reported to Glendale, SK has done this and weeks later nothing has happened. SK followed up and they could not find his reference. VB suggested we use <i>Fix my Street</i> app, as there were problems with the earlier system.  |                 |
| 4.5      | VB confirmed that the request for 1m diameter unmown grass around trees would be adhered to.   |                 |
| 4.6      | Meeting took place about Cliffview Hedge/Vicars Hilly entrance. Angus agreed that work would be done in September. Angus was to confirm what maintenance was covered in the contract.  | GB/<br>Glendale |
| 4.7      | Replacement fencing for entrance, quote from blacksmith is £100 more than the chainlink. VB confirmed that Glendale have to install.   | RM/GB           |
| 4.8      | Bottons donation received.   |                 |
| 4.9      | 2 benches will be installed in line with suggestion from friends.<br>3 more bench requests received, 2 will replace the recycled plastic benches and the third bench will be advised by friends.   | RM/GB           |
| 4.10     | Hedge whips will be planted in November. Angus to plant around new fencing by café.  | Glendale        |
| 4.11     | CW said that contract states a fence should be erected around the cricket wicket out of season. There is a post and rope. VB will talk to Glendale.  | VB              |
| <b>5</b> | <b>Meadows</b>   |                 |
| 6.1      | Lower south meadow had not been cut, this was intended as a refuge area, but TM said this was too large an area to be left uncut and a nutrient rich area, where plants and grasses were most vigorous and needed to be cut. It has now been agreed with Nick Pond that this would now be cut and a small refuge area will be left.<br><br>The friends will research sowing yellow rattle for next year.   | Glendale        |
| 6.2      | Memorial Meadow had not been a success, poppies had not flowered and lots of undesirable plants were taking over. Friends work group would dig up the plants and Glendale will rotovate. Friends will sow the seed. RM has purchased seeds from landlife for sowing this season.   | TM/RM           |
| <b>6</b> | <b>Bandstand</b>   |                 |
| 6.1      | MF had researched bandstand and was not able to find plans on original. In an effort to progress he contacted architectural practice ALL. They were keen to progress idea for a contemporary bandstand on a speculative basis. LA presented the model and photo-montage of the bandstand on site of the original. The current estimated cost for a basic scheme was £300,000 for the 'bandstand' without electricity.<br>MF said Primary consideration how to handle the sound. It was agreed that a better idea of how it is going to be managed and used.<br>Suggested a wider meeting with Brockley Society and other groups needed to be held to discuss these issues. | MF              |

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| <b>7</b>  | <b>Mud Kitchen</b>  |    |
| 7.1       | <p>Has been very successful, but people use the water in the loos and leave them muddy with blocked sinks. Suggested that we move it to the shade garden, except there is no water there.</p> <p>Some concern that the items may go missing from shade garden. Suggested we minimal new items and move the old oven to the shade garden. RM will order with money from Farmers' Market.</p> | RM |
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| <b>8</b>  |   |    |
| 8.1       | <b>Bird Champion Report:</b> regular monthly surveys are continuing and the report is posted on the blog.   |    |
| 8.2       | <b>Farmers' Market:</b> still poor trade, so Friends have not collected rents. Have asked stall-holders about starting earlier or switch to Sunday. Stall are already there earlier for park run but the runners do not buy. Not all traders can do the Sunday. Suggestion of moving it closer to the road.   |    |
| 8.3       | <b>Dr Bike:</b> Nestor needs a covered space to do bike repairs over winter. It is a free service but he accepts donations. It was suggested that he could use the bothy on Saturday or Sunday. Gemma will take that up. CW offered a gazebo. Alternatively RM suggested the big green shed by bothy and could be used, if cleared up.  |    |
| 8.4       | <b>Work Group:</b> have had 6 monthly workgroups, attendance dropped over the summer. We need more support. The next one is 2 <sup>nd</sup> October to clear the weeds in the WWI meadow.   |    |
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| <b>9</b>  | <b>Bowls Club</b>   |    |
| 9.1       | Quality of green good, thanks to Glendale   | MH |
| 9.2       | Bryn sent apologies, he had met with VB separately. VB reported that they were to meet Sports Development to look at sources of potential funding.  |    |
| 9.3       | Friends, Bowls Club, Brockley Society and Greenscene met with Tim Brittain Caitlin. Minutes will be circulated.   |    |
| <b>10</b> | <b>AOB</b>  |    |
| 10.1      | Builders material had been dumped off the lane, it contains asbestos. Had been reported by several people, it was now fenced off but Friends thought it should be covered. VB said he would check control for protection. Only authorized contractor could remove.  | RM |
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|           | <b>Next meeting: Tuesday, 13th December 2016 at 7.30 in cafe</b>  |    |