

Minutes of Friends of Hilly Fields Open Meeting: 9 December 2015

1. Present: Rachel Mooney (Chair), Tom Moulton (Secretary), Andrew Harper (Treasurer), Martin Hyde (Greenscene), Akan Rustom, Jacqueline Grant, Symon Knightswood, Katarina Thomson, Keith Ward, Frances Ward, Ruth Meaney, Colm MacCormac, Richard Hebditch.

2. Apologies: Gemma Buttell (Glendale)

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3	Minutes of Last Meeting (8 September 2015)	
	Agreed.	
4	General Maintenance	
4.1	Stencilled signs to go on Skanska lamp columns: Rachel still to research templates. Lionel Stanhope had offered to paint on with stencil.	RM
4.2	Table tennis table: Rachel still looking into whether it could be added to a larger grant application.	RM
4.3	Noticeboards: an AO [?] board would cost over £1.5K plus installation. Old style notice boards will be taken out. [?] Agreed: Rachel to develop to develop laser cut small sign for multiple entrances and get costs. Using the design presented at Summer Fayre, which had positive feedback.	RM
4.4	Playground: (a) MH to raise repainting of pirate ship and train with Glendale, though probably best to wait till spring; (b) sandpit and area under roundabout need topping up with sand by next year.	MH
4.5	Trig point: Ordinance Survey say maintenance (ie. repainting) is up to the local park. Symon will let Chris Thomson know about the repainting and text stencilled on it.	SK
4.6	Still some evidence of close mowing/strimming around trees. MH has raised with Glendale but will repeat the message. Some trees had had grass left long around.	MH
4.7	The tree strategy has been agreed with Green Scene and is in the Annual Report. Maintenance requirements will be added as an Appendix.	TM/RM
4.8	Ice-cream van: Glendale still to move barrier back, so that van can park on the tarmac.	
4.9	The new bins have arrived and are in place including the Euro bin. MH will ensure Glendale will collect from Euro bin, as it sometimes has been left. Nb. Red dog bins are being removed Lewisham wide – no separate collection for dog waste. Recycling is no longer taken out of main bins.	MH
4.10	Is there a need for more litter bins? Add to list.	RM
5	Portacabins and Section 106	
5.1	The Friends gave GreenScene list of items for purchase with the £11K Section 106 money. Tree swing ruled out on insurance grounds. Glendale had sent quote from alternative supplier. They Prefer to use ones already on their books. RM has asked what timber used by their company, as it looked like pressure treated softwood.	MH

	Also requested a specification to accompany the quote for the Eastern Rd setts crossover. Still awaiting info.	
6	Park Events and Activities	
6.1	The annual Big Birdwatch will be on Sunday 31 January from 10.30-12.30. Keith can lead a tour if required. Richard can help [on the Friends stall?] RSPB will be having a stall again.	TM/RM
6.2	The orchard wassail will be held on Sunday 7 February from 4pm, preceded by a tree pruning session from 2pm. Charlie Hart booked for the music.	TM/RM
7	Bowls Club	
7.1	Have applied to Ladywell Assembly for funding towards small summerhouse. Replacement building: application for Section 106 funding knocked back by Council's Planning Dept – MH will try again. For wider funding, looking at other sources inc. London Marathon and a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Rough costing = £200K. Mayor supportive & has asked Janet Senior (Exec Director Resources) to see what can be done.	MH/Bowls club
8	Development Plan	
8.1	Seating review: after discussion, the Lost Art, Cartmel bench was chosen. Rachel will send Martin the details.	RM
8.2	Meadows: (a) Memorial Meadow – Martin will check that the seed mix sown includes poppy seed (b) South Meadow – Yellow Rattle seed will be sown in part of the meadow as an experiment to see if the grass can be kept down	(a) MH (b) RM/TM
8.3	Grants: Tesco scheme (£12K max) has been extended. Possible projects: a. artist designed bench; b. Wigwams in playground + wildlife-themed reconfiguration; c. Sort out upper Vicar's Hill entrance. [TFL will pay for repair to fence and wall] RM had spoken to Gemma about replacing with estate railing and not chainlink.	
9	Bird Champion Report	
9.1	Tom reported: Monthly surveys continue; HF Birdwatch blog continues; autumn months quiet but now livening up – gulls and starlings back for the winter.	
10	Dog Issues, Change in Dog Control order	
10.1	Some changes may be underway in the Dog Control Order system. MH will try to find out more detail	MH
11	Unauthorised Vehicles, Motorbikes	
11.1	Unauthorised vehicles still using HF. Mass rideout of '300 bikes' on Halloween across HF. MH said the Borough's crime reduction staff are aware. Suggested that if it is regular, need to make sure the cricket wicket is well protected.	
12	AOB	
12.1	Rachel still looking for grant funding for Shade Garden improvements. Including option to develop for forest school.	RM
12.2	In the past there was a Convex mirror on the HF Crescent/Tyrwhitt Rd junction. The new island was in the wrong place for most pedestrians and a mirror would help on the blind bend. Colm agreed to email Simon Moss, Highway Dept	Colm
12.3	Next meeting: Tuesday, 8 March 2016	