

Minutes of Friends of Hilly Fields Open Meeting 12 September 2017

1. Present: Rachel Mooney (Chair), Tom Moulton (Secretary), Vince Buchanan (Lewisham Council), Marcus Fox, Jacqueline Grant,

Symon Knightswood, Colm McCormac, Ruth Meaney.

2. Apologies: Gemma Buttell, Chris Wheal.

3.	Matters Arising	Action
3.1	Vince would look at meadow areas and confirm with group what is to be left as meadow.	VB
3.2	TM said that he was standing down as Secretary due to other commitments. He would continue to end of November. It was agreed to define the requirement and advertise the post.	RM/All
3.3	The next AGM would be planned, possibly with a speaker. The current constitution required 3 Committee members to be elected as well as the officers.	RM/TM
3.4	The suggestion that a Maypole be purchased for events was deferred to the next meeting to allow Symon to research the cost.	SK
3.5	Problem of concrete risen to surface in memorial meadow: Vince to check if original contractor would remedy, but unlikely. Would get a quote from Glendale & if budget there near end of Financial Year, ask them to break out & remove.	VB
3.6	Traffic mirror proposal nr junction HF Crescent & Tyrwhit Rd. Colm reported would be £25 to erect, but queried possible objections. Vince agreed to speak to Borough Highways Officer and get back to Colm.	VB/CM
3.7	The lamppost signs have been done.	
3.8	Entrance signs: Rachel will work with local artist Sally Adams to finalise the design, then speak to the Blacksmith.	RM
3.9	Text for Trig Point: Symon still to provide. <i>[QR codes Marcus to investigate?]</i>	SK
3.10	Drinking fountain: previous fountain unsuitable because of plinth & access needed. Agreed to consider location near Bothy, push button to minimise water waste, drinking bowl for dogs. RM to investigate. Vince Buchanan would see what has been used elsewhere or is available.	RM/VB
3.11	Action on yellow lines problem, car parking on pavement etc still to be looked at.	RM/All
4.	Glendale and General Maintenance	
4.1	Cutting back of trees etc at the upper Vicars Hill corner will be done later in Sept. All brambles will be cut back and hawthorns pruned.	Glendale
4.2	Vince would get a date from Glendale for replacement of the hawthorn whips.	VB
4.3	Playground train and boat had been repainted in red, but spider done in blue. Needs repainting in the lime green including grey stripes. Rachel will send details to Glendale.	RM/VB
5.	Development Plan	
5.1	The Friends prefer estate railing to replace the chain link along Vicars Hill and will meet the extra cost. Vince to check where Glendale are with the project.	VB
5.2	No progress on new Friends noticeboard. Symon trying to find details of noticeboard seen in Yorkshire village. Grant application to local assembly a possibility.	RM/SK
6.	Bandstand	
6.1	Marcus Fox reported. First steering group meeting held. Next stage = public consultation and then apply for planning permission. The architect's drawing of the proposed bandstand will be advertised via the cafe, the website and any other suitable means.	MF
6.2	All projects funded by the Section 106 money have been completed. Good feedback has been received re the roly poly bars and the swing. A local resident has criticised the setts but was not present at the meeting. Remedial work has been carried out since installation, the loose setts had caused noise when crossed.	
7.	Bird Champion Project	
7.1	TM reported. Monthly bird surveys continued. Reduced activity after end of the breeding season, though sightings of Great Spotted Woodpecker continue.	
8.	Park Events and Activities	
8.1	The Forest School in the Shade Garden was up and running. A mud kitchen has been set up there too. A toddlers Forest School is a possibility.	
9.	Bowls Club	
9.1	Renovation of the green has been successful. Monitoring tags are in the clubhouse to indicate any subsidence, but none recorded so far. The team has won 3 cups this season and the Mayor was present for the finals weekend. The Friends of HF are still interested in the idea of a joint new building and need to reconnect with the bowls club. RM has asked if the temporary sign could be taken down to allow hedging to grow back.	RM/All
10.	AOB	
10.1	Footpaths work now imminent. Mainly resurfacing and attention to edges.	VB
10.2	Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) under consideration by council. Details on council website. Covers dog control, drug and alcohol use in parks, unauthorised encampments etc.	
10.3	Next meeting: 12 December, 7.00 pm, the cafe.	