

Minutes of Friends of Hilly Fields Open Meeting: 12th December 2017

1. Present: Rachel Mooney (Chair), Tom Moulton, Symon Knightswood, Ruth Meaney, Marcus Fox,

2. Apologies: Andrew Harper, Vince Buchanan (Greenscene), Gemma Buttell (Glendale), Colm MacCormac

3	Matters Arising	Action
3.1	Vince to look at meadow and to confirm what areas. He confirmed there were no changes. <i>(Friends actually want to know what areas are meadow and whether they could add to these to increase ecological diversity).</i>	
3.2	Colm has offered to take minutes at future meetings and wider post of secretary to be looked at, Symon may help.	
3.3	AGM to be planned for the new year	
3.4	SK had not had time to research cost for maypole. It was thought that it would need to link to group or school for organizing.	SK
3.5	VB had been in touch with original contractor who was contracted to take remove all the concrete footings to the portacabins. He is awaiting for a reply. He is also getting a quote from Glendale for the work. It was pointed out that returning the park back to its previous state was part of the planning conditions. Not one of the trees had survived despite ongoing plantings.	VB
3.6	CM had met with Highways and they agreed to install a convex mirror on the blind spot at the top of Tyrwhitt Road. Confirmation that it would not damage the tree was requested.	Highways
3.7	Trig Point renovation, still ongoing	SK
3.8	RM presented options for installations to entrance signs. The solid panel was preferred but concern that the plain base might be a target for graffiti. It was suggested that a further design with fox might be added at the base. RM to work with artist and blacksmith to develop a final design.	RM
3.9	RM had spoken to supplier of existing drinking fountain in playground. The Atlantida design costs £1620 plus £140 for anti freeze valve and £250 delivery. So supply and delivery is £2010 +VAT. VB asking Glendale to provide details of other suitable fountains. Funds from either Ladywell Assembly could be applied for. (The original request was passed on via a councillor in Ladywell Assembly)	Glendale
3.10	Action on yellow lines and parking still to be resolved. Friends still prefer option of returning to parking on the road and not on the footpath.	VB/school Glendale
4	Glendale and General Maintenance	
4.1	RM met Chris Thompson on site to discuss issues: will do full set of separate notes: includes, replacement hedge planting agreed to be placed around playground as windbreak. Position for WWI meadow rotovating, bramble and self sown ash and sycamore clearance, removal of self sown trees around tennis courts (breaking up surfacing), problems with annual deaths of newly planted trees and replacements.	RM
4.2	Brambles on the top of Vicars Hill Entrance have now been cleared and hawthorn pruned. Another visit to remove returning brambles is required, before the area can be replanted.	Glendale
4.3	Work to footpaths is now complete.	
	Area around table tennis table and exercise equipment needs large top up of wood chip.	Glendale
5	Development Plan	
5.1	RM has received confirmation of a £521.25 grant from MPGA for a fruiting and flowering wildlife friendly entrance and extended wildlife corridor at the	Glendale

	Vicars Hill entrance. This is to include loggery for stage beetles, scented plants to encourage insects which will attract bats and berries for birds, especially the resident sparrow. Sketch attached.	
5.2	SK trying to find details of noticeboard seen in a Yorkshire village. A grant application to the local assembly is a possibility.	TM/RM
5.3	RM has secured 450 saplings from Woodland Trust, will arrive in April and will need volunteers for planting. RM to discuss planting positions with Lewisham and Glendale.	RM
6	Bandstand	
6.1	MF confirmed that the next stage would be to discuss bandstand plans with the wider community.	MF
	SK suggested that MF also give a presentation to the Lewisham Green Spaces Forum as another park may be interested in the proposal.	
7	Bird Champion Report:	
7.1	Regular monthly surveys are continuing and the report is posted on the blog.	RM
7.2	The RSPB Big Bird Watch Survey is the last weekend of January, we'll be holding our regular event on the Sunday, 28th January 2018 from 10.30.	TM/RM
7.3	Glendale has contacted us with the offer of some new bird boxes, TM to liaise with Glendale. RM suggested that they could do with metal front, as some of the existing bird boxes had been opened up by woodpeckers?	TM
8	Park Events and Activities	
8.1	RM has picked up a new mud kitchen counter, which has been kindly donated by Joel of 'Mud Kitchens' after our natural counter was taken. It is less rustic than the original so agreed to site in the playground. RM had asked some people if this would be a popular decision. It needs a method for securing, so RM will sort this.	
8.2	Forries Forest School are looking to start a pre school sessions in the new year. This will only happen if they have enough numbers. As with the after school sessions, it will be held in the shade garden.	
8.3	RM has requested more logs to be delivered to park for mud kitchen, shade garden and generally.	
9	Bowls Club	
9.1	NO update.	
9.2	RM has asked that the temporary vinyl sign could be taken down so that the hedge behind could have a chance to grow back.	
10	AOB	
10.1	RM had been nominated for the Mayor's Volunteering Award and attended the reception at the Civic Centre. The Deptford Folk, friends' group had won the group award.	
10.2	The London Cricket Trust are looking to fund the installation of a non turf cricket wicket to enhance the cricket offer in the park. It will be in very close proximity to the existing wickets. They hope to support 3 local schools and Lewisham and Southwark College with cricket equipment etc. Works should begin in the spring. It is assumed that this will only affect a small strip of turf - but the Friends are awaiting details of the scheme.	
10.3	RM contacted Ladywell Councillors on 12 th October about why, despite increasing park usage with new developments, there was no funding to replace rusted through bins. (since mtg contacted again in December and January and still not had a reply or any acknowledgement).	
	Next meeting: AGM, to be confirmed might move to February?	
	Wassail 4th February, 4pm and Orchard Maintenance before at 2pm	