

Minutes of Friends of Hilly Fields Open Meeting: 8 March 2016

1. Present: Rachel Mooney (Chair), Tom Moulton (Secretary), Andrew Harper (Treasurer), Gemma Buttell (Glendale), Symon Knightswood, Marcus Fox, Jacqueline Grant, Fred Harding

2. Apologies: Martin Hyde, Frances and Keith Ward

		Action
3.	Minutes of Last Meeting (9 December 2015)	
	Agreed.	
4.	General Maintenance	
4.1	Rachel is still working on stencilled signs for lamp columns. Stencil quote was high £80/90 and didn't seem value for money.	RM
4.2	Table tennis table: Rachel still looking into whether it could be added to a larger grant application.	RM
4.3	Notice board decisions deferred. Rachel still working on laser cut small signs. See 8.4	RM
4.4	<p>Playground:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Gemma reported: equipment will be repainted in warmer weather; sand will be topped up; tennis courts chain link fence repaired (in corner near cafe); parallel bars straightened. - TFL will replace fence damaged at top of Vicars Hill. The friends have requested confirmation of the price and quotes for replacing with estate railing. They will consider adding to the budget to replace with estate railing rather than chainlink. - new bollard at top of Vicars Hill is wrong sort and doesn't match existing, it is unsightly The original rectangular bollard left in shrubbery. Gemma will contact Highways Agency after Rachel sends photo - Fabricator will look at tennis courts to see what work needs to be carried out. - Tennis courts surface: jet washing needed. Gemma will check. - two dead trees will be removed before 17 March 	<p>Glendale</p> <p>RM</p> <p>RM/GB</p> <p>Glendale GB</p> <p>Greenscene</p>
4.5	Trig Point: SK will circulate text. MF will ask L Stanhope if he'll paint it with text.	SK/MF
4.6	Ice-cream van: new bollards are in place so that he can park off the grass.	
4.7	Litter Bins: red dog waste bins are going/no recycling taken from main bins/appears to conflict with council recycling policy & targets. Gemma will check on recycling policy. TM will write to council (Paddy Quirk) re recycling.	GB/TM
5.	Section 106	

5.1	Chris Thompson to go ahead with a-frame basket swing outside the playground, the basket swing should be natural colour (can be supplied by SouthWest Play). Rachel will send new supplier details for the exercise equipment. Gemma will check that the money is being carried forward. The Friends need a proper specification for the setts - Chris has only sent a top level summary. Gemma will take up with Chris.	GB/RM
6.	Park Events and Activities	
6.1	The Big Birdwatch on 31 January went reasonably well although poor weather affected both no. of participants and no. of birds seen.	
6.2	The orchard wassail on 7 February went very well with 25-30 people attending and music provided by Phil, Dave Aylward on bodhran and Sarah Harrison on violin. Rachel is able to produce a video of some of the singing. Jacqueline said it should be linked with Brockley Voices.	RM
6.3	This year's HF Midsummer Fayre is on 18 th June. Friends will have their usual stall.	
7.	Bowls Club	
7.1	No update from Bowls Club reps, but they have applied for a summerhouse. MH has said that no money is available for a new pavilion. However, Rachel has discovered that the existing building was designed by renowned architect Leonard Manasseh and funding might be available to restore. Rachel will advance an application but will need a copy of the structural report from Greenscene. She will work out a rough budget but we will need some match funding. Marcus will assist.	RM/MF GB
8.	Development Plan	
8.1	Rachel sent M Hyde details of the bench (Cartmel, by Lost Art) that we've chosen for future placings in the park. Need a confirmed price for supply and fix. Gemma will chase.	GB
8.2	Rachel and Tom sowed yellow rattle in part of the South Meadow. Parasitical on grass and should help keep it down and gave wild flowers a better chance.	
8.3	Tesco Bags of Help funding will be available again from 16 April. RM will consider funding application. Judith Simmons can help with funding bids.	RM
8.4	Signage designs shown. Would be A3 laser-cut, £70-80 each panel, then additional for posts and fixing. Same aesthetic as gates. Will make it clearer that this is 'Hilly Fields'. Profile metal to encase would be better. Galvanised grey. Received favourably, suggested that text could be larger. There are 9 main pathway entrances. Will look at a sign in situ & Rachel will then progress to completion.	RM

8.5	Rachel is still looking for a suitable grant to develop the shade garden. She thinks it is now logical to tie it in with bowls club. She has been discussing with others about options for extended use of the building.	RM
9.	Bird Champion Report	
9.1	TM said monthly surveys carried out as usual and HF Birdwatch blog updated. Mating season is in full swing. Dawn Chorus walk planned for 6am on 31 March.	
10.	Dog Issues, Change in Dog Control Order	
10.1	No changes known about yet.	
11.	Unauthorised Vehicles, Motorbikes	
11.1	A motorbike was active in the park the previous night without lights around 6pm for about 60 mins doing turns. Rachel got reg. of another bike passing through and has sent details to Darren Budden (Glendale) and the police.	
11.2	Cars regularly parked on footpath of access road leading to the school. Need to review parking arrangements and contact the school.	?
12.	Tennis Courts	
12.1	The Council is discussing charging for use of park tennis courts. They have been talking to LTA. Gemma will update.	GB
13.	AOB	
13.1	Need for convex mirror at HF Crescent/Tyrwhitt Rd junction. Colm to email Simon Moss, Highway dept. Colm not present to update.	CM
13.2	A new HF Work Group is being launched to do various tasks around the park which the Council/Glendale cannot cope, esp. after funding cuts. First session is maintenance of the shade garden this Saturday 12 March.	All
13.3	Brockley Max: artist intends to paint cartoon on grass (with grass-friendly paint). Gemma will check if any potential harm to animals.	GB
13.4	Someone flytipping Chinese commercial packing in bin outside bowling green. Sign in English and Chinese to be put up by the bin.	RM/CW
13.5	Use of drones by film crews. Needs to be licensed by Lewisham Film Office Dept.	
13.6	Have been complaints about the level of erosion: amount of mud/grass erosion by larger number of joggers, particularly post Parkrun. Gemma has asked them to stick to footpaths. Rachel will contact the person responsible to see if a second route is feasible.	RM
	NEXT MEETING 14TH JUNE, at 7.30 in cafe	





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