

Tuesday 18th September 2018 at 7.30 _ In Cafe

AGENDA

1. Rachel Mooney, Tom Moulton, Marcus Fox, Colm McCormac, Symon Knightswood.
Andrew Harper, Fred Harding and Syd Bolton.
2. Apologies – Jackie Grant, Gemma Buttell.
3. Minutes of last meeting agreed.
4. General Maintenance and Park Furniture – agreed to go through with Glendale direct and not discuss again in meeting.
Table Tennis Table – completed but *needs regular topping up of bark.*
Exercise equipment wood chip top up but also needs on-going topping up of bark
Basket ball – *overhanging branches, (uneven court, also request from players for new baskets).*
Playground – Maintenance – log wall is rotting..what are the plans?

Following 10th April Meeting still awaiting:

Bank behind fruiting hedge wasn't cut. Think it was a misunderstanding as to location?
It is now very overgrown with brambles and you can't get through.
Sycamore and holly were removed, thanks, but self-set birch are breaking up the surface and don't have long-term future. Think they should be removed before they get any larger (timber can go in log kitchen the bigger the size the better).

Brambles clearing on Prendergast boundary fence line by WWI meadow (in April did put plastic spiral protection around the hawthorns to be retained). Brambles were never cut back and hedge line not pruned.

Rust on the bottom of the Broxap zintec bins has not been treated, needs anti rusting paint and new coat of grey? .

Spider was painted but not the face..but think we'll look to getting funding to do a more fun job.

We want a copy of the plan showing agreed maintenance for park, including meadow regime.

5. **Cars in Park** have had over 30 recorded some nights.
Numerous excuses including: *everyone else does it, don't want to park outside residents' houses and block their spaces, I've always done it and ironically, 'do you not want my children to be able to play football?'*

The Long-term Development Plan proposed low mounding, around 30/40cm high with longer grass between trees – improve diversity, create micro habitats, may stop the winter water seeping out onto road at the corner? And contain the odd ball rolling out. Or as there is no money just grass left long? Also suggestion to place large logs along boundary, would need to be secure enough not to be moved.

Vince Buchanan opposed to the idea on grounds of *'not in character with park'*.
Is there an agreed conservation plan where the character and plans for future can be seen?

Glendale did say they would send enforcement to check the football groups and presumably get the unauthorised vehicles out of the park.

6. **Park Events** and activities.
Feedback Botton's children's fair - too many cars driving in
Suggestion that they locate back on Hilly Fields Crescent or on Adelaide Av. Can be seen from the road and wouldn't be so prone to closure due to high winds?

'Walk on the Wildside' – will be organising from October, initially with Chelwood Nursery.
Focus of the grant is to get more people, particularly children and their families into the park when it isn't just sunny. Funds will commission a bespoke story-teller to perform a promenade story through park, combined with a scavenger hunt. Printing workshops from things found and a lantern making workshop with a winter procession and event.
Also have money to install a new rustic bench and a tap for mud.

Also put in an application to cover additional musical accompaniment with the W.H.Smith Community Grants Application.
7. **Meadows**_Need to make a decision for WWI meadow. Review, that some years the poppies had been thin on the ground, but whatever did flower was a benefit to bees and butterflies, so enhancing the park's biodiversity. Suggested we could maintain a smaller strip of meadow planting.
Up-date on South Meadow – some yellow rattle succeeded but not as large or plentiful as previous year. Need more yellow rattle seed and plugs for next year.
8. **Development Strategy/Plan**
 - a. New signs and estate railing are awaiting collection.
 - b. Vicars Hill Entrance was finally cleared, disappointed that it wasn't done as requested and on the maintenance contract at the beginning of the year and throughout. Need good ground preparation before organising the volunteering planting session. We received £521.21 from MPGA.
 - c. Basket ball options? Have been approached by some of the people who play basket-ball about the poor state of the court. Have looked at the London Marathon Charitable Trust and it looks like a possible source of funding. Sport England Community Asset Fund and small grants also have funding.
9. **Bird Champion Update**
'Monthly surveys have continued. Bird activity has calmed down since the end of the mating season but amongst other species, Great Spotted Woodpecker and Nuthatch have been seen in all three summer surveys.
10. **Bowls Club**
Money was withdrawn.
Request support for local assembly fund for a pergola, not been sent any location or design information.
11. Don't forget to fill out and share –**A New Strategy For Parks & Open Spaces In Lewisham** (Autumn 2018) - Your chance to have your say. This matters! If you value our parks and open spaces please click on link to complete the survey: <https://consultation.lewisham.gov.uk/environment/newparks/>
12. **Any Other Business**
Tom reported that there would be a reading by local authors (including himself) in the HF Cafe on Thursday 20 September at 7.30 pm

Date of next Meeting 11th December 2018