

**Minutes of The Friends of Spencer Park management committee held on 2 December 2013.**

**Present: Paul Smith, Chair; Zilpha Reed, Trevor Robinson, Tim Brooke and Karen Berry (minutes)**

**Apologies: Esther Hidgon and Helen Elias**

1. The minutes of the meeting 4 November were agreed as a true record.
  - 1.1 PS still has to contact Gil Naylor at Earlsdon School
  - 1.2 Charitable Status has been applied for to enable us to claim Gift Aid on donations. PS and HE are the contacts, using KB address as a contact.
  - 1.3 We received £200 from the Heart of England Co-operative Society.
2. ZR has been in contact with Tim Rose and Dave Lewis to suggest some trees for the park, to replace the ions removed from by the tennis courts, they both have small budgets, so it is most likely that the trees will be replaced with memorial trees.
3. PS reported that lots of starlings roost in the park in the evening and he asked TR if there was anything we could do to encourage them, but there is not.
4. The meeting discussed the email from Ces Edwards outlining the time scale to clear the site. It was agreed that TB would contact John Scouller to thank him for his help and to ask his advice. KB to contact WREN to let them know that the project will be delayed from the original timescale which was in the grant application.
5. Gardening in the park the next sessions will be 21 December (KB unable to attend but ZR and HE and possibly TR will be there) 18 January; 15 February and 15 March, these dates have been notified to the events team at the City Council. KB to email out reminder
6. TR reported that the Bug Wall event will be held on Friday 21 February from 10.00 to 3.30pm. KB will take the bookings and promote though the schools ECHO etc.
7. It was agreed to postpone the discussion on play equipment to next year.
8. It was agreed that the next meeting will have an agenda item for activities next year.
9. NENA had been contacted by a member who wants to donate some money for a piece of play equipment for the Park PS to contact them.
10. TB said it would be a good idea to label the trees in the park and on the recreation ground, we could look at this next year and try and get some funding for the boards.
11. Dates of next meeting: 6 January; 3 February; 3 March and 7 April.