

Notes of meeting 4th November 2013

Those present: Paul Smith (Chair), Zilpha Reed, Tim Brooke, Esther Higdon

Apologies: Karen Berry, Helen Elias

1. Minutes of last meeting (7.10.13)

In previous minutes it stated that it should be clearer who to contact. This was clarified as information on the website needs to indicate who to contact in case of questions

Minutes declared accurate

2. Matters arising

The Chair's report was included on website

Heart of England funding is still to be confirmed

Paul to contact Gill Naylor (Earlsdon School) about using the Recreation Ground for sports in the summer and the tennis courts for winter sport useage

Action; Paul

Charitable Status

As we do not have an income of £5000, it was decided at the previous meeting that the Friends of Spencer Park would apply to HRMC to obtain Giftaid on donations. To do this we need an;

- authorised officer to apply for the Giftaid. As Treasurer it was suggested that Helen might be best suited to take on this role

Action: Paul to ask Helen

- responsible person to complete the form and return to HRMC. Tim and Paul to complete 5th November

Bulb planting

1070 bulbs planted 19th October with help from a family from Allesley. Thanks to be extended to this family

Action; Paul to ask Karen for contact details

Community payback day 2 very successful as soil was wetter so easier to work

3. Gardening in Park

Next community gardening session will be 16th November. Possibly to use this day to work in the Recreation Ground

Bug Motel day to be rescheduled

4. Funding

Earlsdon Gardening Club has given the Friends group £100

Cake selling made £50 on family fun day
Applied to Heart of England fund for £800 – to hear imminently
Applied to WREN for £45,000 – to hear end November

5. AOB

Signs need rebolting

3 trees cut down. Zilpha to ask Tim Rose what trees might replace the trees that have been chopped down

Action: Zilpha

Paul and Zilpha to ask Dave Lewis for draft of management plan for the park

Action: Paul and Zilpha

Hedges still to be lowered

6. Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd December 7.30pm