

**Minutes of Friends of Spencer Park Management Committee  
Monday July 4<sup>th</sup>. 2016**

**Present:** Paul Smith (Chair), Karen Berry (Secretary), Pat Ryan (Treasurer), Zilpha Reid, Tim Brooke, Carol Bailey, (committee members) Carol Alcock, (Bowling group) Trevor Robinson (Ranger)

1. **Apologies:**, Helen Elias, Dal Singh, Scott Crowther and Ken Taylor (Coventry City councillor)
2. **Minutes** of the meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>.
3. **Matters arising:** Oak tree – Paul has sent another letter to Tim Wetherhill proposing the removal of the oak tree no reply has been received. The football posts will be reinstalled Dave Lewis is looking into this. **Old tennis courts:** Dave Lewis is looking for another contractor. **Big Lunch:** went well even in the rain. Liz and Jane had made cakes for sale. Paul will phone them and apologise to them for not being back in contact with them. Worldsong concert June 18<sup>th</sup> went well, thanks to Helen and Carol for attending. £120 received in donations. **Tennis** 49 families have joined so far Peter will be setting up the LTA website as the current booking system only allows 50 people. Our thanks to Peter for doing this. Paul had been cleaning the courts and has removed moss.
4. **Pavilion:** Paul and Dal met with Liz Bateman and Jane Donovan who are interested in running a café in the pavilion. Paul to contact Ann Akerman. To arrange a meeting, the lock on the back door is being changed.
5. **Flat Green:** The contractor had come again and they were there for about 6 hours to cut to 6mm and scarified. He has got someone who will cut the green every two weeks. Paul to contact Parkinson Society about playing and fill in a park booking form. The Parkinson people will pay the council rate for games. £3.60 or £5.20 per person. When access to the back door is available the flat bowls can be stored there. In the long run there needs to be storage in the park for a mover, this would need to be discussed with the Albany Bowls Club. It was agreed to ask Helen to add to the next ECHO about forming a flat green club in the park.
6. **Gardening dates:** Saturday , 6<sup>th</sup> August, 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> October Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2<sup>1st</sup> July, 4<sup>th</sup> August, 1<sup>8th</sup> August, 1<sup>st</sup> September and 15<sup>th</sup> September.
7. **NENA Street Sale:** The party in the park did not work well, due to the weather only 50 people attended. The musicians were good and it was agreed that the Friends would pick up the extra cost of the musicians. There were too many events in June.
8. **Challenge:** the pre-meeting with the young people will be on either Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup>. Karen will pursue this. Event will be on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August from 12 – 4.00pm
9. **AGM:** July 5<sup>th</sup>, 7-8.30pm Albany Club. Richard will attend to outline the plans.
10. **A.O.B.:** Pat suggested that we could ask for donations rather than for sales at Band in Park so we could claim gift aid on it. Karen to do new signs. Zilpha will ask the organizer of the open gardens to add Spencer Park to the list.

The money from Worldsong to be used towards paint for markings on the old tennis courts when they have been done. Karen to contact Mel from Earlsdon Park village to arrange a meeting to see if the residents would like to volunteer in the park and use the flat green and the tennis courts.

11. **Next meeting:** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September; 3<sup>rd</sup> October; 31<sup>st</sup> October and 5<sup>th</sup> December at. 7.30 pm. There will be a meeting for members of the committee with the young people of the Challenge on either Aug3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> before the event.

Karen Berry 7.7.2016