

Minutes of Friends of Spencer Park and Recreation Ground Management Committee Monday January 6th 2014

Present: Paul Smith (Chair), Karen Berry (Secretary), Helen Elias (Treasurer), Zilpha Reid

Apologies: Esther Higden, Tim Brooke

1. **Minutes of Dec. 2nd** 2013 were accepted as a true record.
2. **Matters arising:** Paul has yet to contact Gill Naylor at Earlsdon School about sports use. Children will be working on the bug motel at half term. It will back onto the metal fence in the SW corner of the park. The bug hotel, on the lines of the one established at Ryton Gardens will go along the edge of the garden by the wall next to the path. It will require a lot of help. Karen will contact Michelle. Could City College students help with the construction? Zilpha to find out about tree labels from Friends of Memorial Park.
3. **Council testing** for possible contamination under surface of park. Report should be available mid January. Karen to arrange a meeting with Ces Edwards when the results are out, hopefully a Wednesday afternoon. No DEFRA money will be available for excavation. Of the £23,000 106 money we need £5,000 cash for matching purposes and the remainder will be for clearing the site.
4. **Gardening:** Next session is Sat. Jan 18th. The April 19th session will be in National Gardens week so should be a bigger event. We need to advertise and get more volunteers. Helen to contact Fiona about Facebook.
5. **Events in the park:** The NENA committee is not keen to take on the Big Lunch on June 1st. Paul suggests we should take it on. We will have a stall at the Earlsdon Festival and plan events to link in. We also plan to make cakes for sale at Bands in the Park. We hope to work with the Challenge Team either for a Family Fun Day or bulb planting.
6. **Next meeting:** Feb. 3rd at which we will discuss the Council's testing report and possibly playground equipment.

Helen Elias 8.1.14