

Minutes of Friends of Spencer Park and Recreation Ground Management Committee Monday Sept. 2nd 2013

Present: Paul Smith (Chair), Karen Berry (Secretary), Helen Elias (Treasurer), Esther Higden, Tim Brooke, Zilpha Reid (committee members)

Apologies: Fiona Pashazadeh

1. **Minutes** of the meeting of July 29th were accepted.

2. **Matters arising**

- **Charity Status.** Paul has reviewed the material. It will be an agenda item for discussion at the A.G.M. and an item for detailed discussion and a decision next meeting. We need to list the people at the A.G.M. in order to keep them informed. Karen will give Helen email addresses of previous attendees and others to be kept informed so the minutes can go out to them.
- **Friends Forum Meeting** Aug 20th. This forum has been set up by the Sowe Valley group, supported by rangers. Karen attended as our representative. The group can act as a sounding board for shared interests. It could do training together, order in bulk etc. Next meeting Nov.

3 **Real Challenge**

Plans for the day (Sept 7th) were discussed and tasks allocated. Some of us will arrive at 10.30 and the Challengers (12 aged 16) will arrive on site at 11 am. All of us will be needed from 1 p.m. Two challengers will do face painting with Helen's daughter and the other 10 will run the games and conduct the consultation with Helen. Paul, Esther and Karen will collect the games. Esther and Zilpha will make cakes for sale. Helen to get drinks for challengers and for sale. Paul to enquire about availability of ice cream. Paul to take photos of the event (permission forms will be available).

Publicity Zilpha will share our publicity with the Friends of Memorial Park group. Leaflets have gone out to local nurseries, Mothercare, Library, Tinderbox. Helen to take leaflets into Hearsall and Karen to Earlsdon.

AGM Karen to compile agenda to include election of officers and discussion on registering as a charity. Paul to write Chairman's report and print it off. Meeting will need accounts till end of March (Karen to find independent scrutineer).

4 **Funding**

Karen reported that the difficulties over matched funding had been resolved. She felt it was worth putting in a bid for a Co-op Heart of England grant.

5 Gardening

This will be held this month on Sept 28th but in future months it will be the third Saturday of the month. Zilpha has ordered some bulbs particularly those favourable to bees. Community payback will be available after the closure of the park at the end of September. Hopefully they can work in the first week of October while the ground is still warm for planting Zilpha's shrubs. They will clear the laurel and snowberries on the Broadway corner by the houses. Next gardening meeting with the Council on Monday Sept 23rd 10 am at Zilpha's house.

6 Next meeting

Oct 7th 7.30 at Zilpha's. Group agreed to invite Councillor Andrews to the meeting.

Helen Elias 3.9.13