

Minutes of Friends of Spencer Park Management Committee

Monday 5th November 2018

Present: Paul Smith (Chair), Karen Berry (Secretary), Zilpha Reed, Tim Brooke, , Debbie Riordan, Dal Singh, Gurdip Shergill, Anthony Godber, Pat Ryan, Liz Bayton, Ken Taylor (committee members) John Plunkett (Albany Bowls) and Rashpal Singh (part of meeting)

1. **Apologies:** Carol Bayliss, Jane Donovan, Helen Elias and Trevor Robinson (ranger)
 2. **Minutes** of the meeting on 1st October 2018 accepted as a true record. No matters arising:
 3. **Pavilion:** Paul had has an email from the senior asbestos officer, Yvonne Lieming saying that the asbestos survey would be done after we had signed the lease, this was not our understanding after the meeting with Dan Peters and park staff in August. Paul to write to Dan Peter to ask about this. We will not be signing any lease until the Asbestos survey has been done and any asbestos removed. Pat pointed out that the pavilion has not been used for years, so we would need to have a structural survey as well as the measurement survey. We looked at the flow chart put together by Tim and it needs community consultation to be included. The meeting was not sure about the order of the flow chart. It was agreed that Liz would ask Mrs. Kendal to look at the business plan after Will has looked at it. Ken suggested that we would need to talk to planning officers before we submitted any planning application. Ken said he could arrange a meeting between the Friends and Dan Peters, if we let him know who should be there. Tim said the legal advisor from the Library would talk to us about our lease. We would not want to be responsible for the paths as on the lease plan. The rateable value is not listed. It should be possible to take electricity meter readings.
 4. **Event –** Rashpal told the committee about what is involved in the fun day in memory of Daniel Singh, it has been running for 6 years but the current venue is not available anymore. He said that 1,500 people attend the event and he would like to hold the event in Spencer Park. It was felt that it is not suitable as the pavilion does not have kitchen facilities and the road would need to be closed. Ken suggest a venue in Green Lane. (Rashpal left the meeting at this time)
 5. **Flat Green and Hedge and Crown Green:** The hedge is being planted by Michael, he quoted £842.90 to plant and supply the hedge. He started work on Friday 2nd November. John reported on where the Albany Bowling Club are with reference to the flat green. They have had a quote from the Council's Green Team to look after the flat green when they do the crown green of £1,500 to bring it up to competition standard, which the flat green currently is not. The Albany bowling group are willing to contribute £750 towards the cost, the members present from the Friends agreed to fund the other £750 from the council's quote for 2019 only. John will talk to the parks team about them doing the maintenance of the flat green. The Flat Green will have a rope around the inside edge to create a temporary gully until funding can be found to install gullies, this will enable both flat and crown bowls to be played on the area. There will need to be a push next year to get the green used next year.
 - 6 **Events:** The **Pumpkin Parade** went well in the rain, Trudy the artist had raised concerns about the craft activities, we will review this for the Santa event. It was decided that Santa will be in the doorway at the back of the pavilion, Jane and Liz to create grotto and Dal will be Santa. A subcommittee will be put together by Liz. **Santa event –** This will take place on Saturday Dec. 15th. A in previous years children will go on a Santa hunt round the park before they visit Santa for a small gift. Jane will look after the stall, we have had 4 people ask so far.
- Events for 2019 –** the list circulated by Karen does not have the Big Lunch or Jo Cox event on it. Anthony thought the Dog show should take place in June.

7. **Gaining new supporters** – Paul said we should all ask people and groups.
8. **Finances-** A new Bank account need to be opened, Pat and Karen to do this. There are outstanding bills to pay for the Flat Green so Pat could not provide an update at the meeting.
9. **Tennis:** We have 106 members Karen and Peter went to the meeting of WLTA about the extra charges for the courts no decision was made at the meeting and we submitted another suggestion for the contributing to WLTA as we felt £50 per court for all clubs took no account of the size of the club.
10. **Gardening:** Next date Saturday 1st December Trevor has rebuilt the part of the bug wall no one but Zilpha turned up to help. Our thanks to Trevor.
11. **A.O.B.** The **container** will need a base – Helen has sourced some flagstones, no news yet for when the container will be available, we will have to pay towards the transport costs
12. **Next meetings:** Monday Dec 3rd.

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