

Minutes of Friends of Spencer Park Management Committee

Monday April 1st. 2019

Present: Paul Smith (Chair) Karen Berry (secretary) Pat Ryan (Treasurer), Zilpha Reed, Helen Elias, Carol Bayliss, Liz Bayton, Anthony Godber, Ken Taylor, Debbie Riordan, Dal Singh (committee members) Trevor Robinson (ranger)

1. **Apologies:** Tim Brooke, Scott Crowther.
2. **Minutes** of the meeting on 4th March were accepted. **Matters arising:** Earlsdon School have looked at the garden space but there have been no further developments.. We have received £657 rebate from the Inland Revenue. Richard Jones and John Plunkett are no longer trustees. We are still waiting to hear from the Council about moving the container in. Trevor to find out about feasibility and costs of us moving it privately.
3. **Pavilion:** No more news. Paul meeting Ian Harrabin this Thursday – focus on ongoing funding. The pavilion reception area will be tidied up and refurbished on Sunday April 7th. at 2pm.
4. **Toilets:** Bowls and tennis club members now have the code for the toilet padlock. Associate members could have the code for £5. Karen is cleaning the toilets but has asked committee members to check them when they are in the park. Rory will check on the light in the gents.
5. **2019 Events:** Good Gym put up the tennis wind breaks and picked up loose branches. They are coming again on April 30th to clear the path edges on Dalton Rd. **The Big Clean up** takes place on Saturday April 13th. The two Duke of Edinburgh boys will be asked to help with that as well as the Easter Egg hunt and the **family fun day** on May 4th. A saxophone group, Tantric Sax, will play on May 4th. Karen to get a license. Jane will organize craft stalls. Debbie to organize yoga on the Flat Green. Helen to provide gazebo. Jane will take photos. Karen will give Anthony information for poster for Earlsdon Festival. Carol's proposal to repeat the **McMillan coffee morning** was approved. This will be on Sept 27th. The **GNP Sports day** will be on Saturday July 27th. on both parks. Gurdeep Singh will book the event with the Council and do the Risk Assessment. The pavilion will be open for drinks and ice-creams. Albany Bowls will be involved and the tennis courts open. **Rock Choir event:** Jane too investigate further.
6. **Art in the Park Club** – This will be held on Wednesday afternoons from 1-3pm for five weeks (not including half term) – May 8th., 15th., 22nd and June 5th and 12th. Jane will prepare a flier for distribution.
7. **Mayors Community Weekend Sunday 30th June :** A bid was put into the Mayor's Fund for the cost of the band, marquee and chairs. We should hear May 1st. Anthony will tell the Bedworth band that we will confirm booking then. We will be selling cakes.
8. **Bowling Greens:** Sixty privet plants have been pulled out of the new hedging round the Flat Green. Zilpha and Debbie replaced them. Paul will help with watering them more. Trevor will try to find the attachment for the Fire Hydrant which we could use for watering. Anthony to put up a notice about CCTV at the Flat Green. Helen to report this on Facebook and Echo . Debbie to provide photos..
9. **Tennis:** 30 families have signed up so far. The green wind breaks and tennis net provided by Streetly Tennis Club after Karen and Peter attended the regional LTA meeting, have been installed. Another spare one is in the pavilion. Streetly have offered us six round tables and some chairs. which will be available in August/September by which time we should have the container. Karen is looking into tennis coaching and ways of linking up players.

12. **Gardening:** First Saturday of each month. Next session April 6th. Thursday evening sessions to start fortnightly from April 25th at 6.30pm. The Good Gym will be doing path edging on April 30th. Zilpha has purchased some gardening equipment using the grant money.
113. **A.O.B.** We will buy cafetieres to make coffee at events. In the long term we need to look into a coffee machine.
14. **Next meetings:** April 29th. (May meeting) June 3rd. AGM on Monday June 10th at 7pm in the Park.

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