

## Minutes of The Friends of Spencer Park Zoom committee meeting

Monday Dec 7<sup>th</sup>. 2020

**Present:** Karen Berry, Paul Smith, Pat Ryan, Zilpha Reed, Tim Brooke, Ken Taylor, Debbie Riordan, Anthony Godber, Helen Elias.

**Apologies:** Liz Bayton, Jane Donovan, Carol Bayliss, Dal Singh, Becky Gittings.

**1. Minutes of May 8<sup>th</sup>. meeting and matters not on the agenda:** Approved as a true record.

**2. Pavilion report – Paul Smith:** Progress is slow due to covid but going well. The sub-committee now has a detailed structural engineer's report which Richard will check in the New Year. The survey was stopped by the organisers but Paul has obtained more completed by approaching park users. Lisa will do further analysis of the results but has been very busy. The big gap to further progression is the lack of a business plan. This has to be viable and we need someone with expertise to assist us. Ignacio and Paul are meeting with Michael Mogan, a fund raiser and with someone from the Heritage Fund. The sub-committee can't meet with the Council till they have a business plan. Tim asked if anyone knows anyone with the expertise to produce the plan. Helen Spence suggested looking on line at business plan templates. Tim said these are available through the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, but it's expertise we need. Paul said he was considering contacting other organisations such as Canal and Rail Preservation Societies for some suggestions. Paul has contact with a quantity surveyor and is hoping to get a pro bono contribution as part of matched funding. Debs suggested a University student project, but this was thought too short term. Paul is contacting the head of Warwick Arts Centre.

**3. Annual report:** The Committee approved the 2019-20 Annual Report and Accounts prior to them being sent to the Charity Commission for publication.

**4. Events 2021:** Karen said that the Council needed to know our plans to avoid conflicts. After a discussion about the feasibility of plans due to the unclear covid situation the following was agreed on: We do not plan to do any events before June, unless the LTA do a tennis weekend in May . (If this is the case we would follow guidelines)We will continue to garden when restrictions allow following all guidance so currently anything we do like garden or sweeping the tennis courts is done with the rule of 6, but most times it is only 2 or 3 of us.

- **Dog show** – either June or September expect it to be September, but we will review it to see if it is possible to do in June.

- **Park Life Photographic Competition** with display and prize giving in September date to be confirmed.

- **Art Hunt in the City** – Spencer Park will be part of the hunt, but we are not

organizing it.

- **Pumpkin event** – 30<sup>th</sup> October

- **Possible Santa event** on 18<sup>th</sup> December TBC

5. **Tennis:** Karen reported that two of the tennis courts are still in use. We have 189 members. Players have been advised not to play in the rain. The courts have been swept and Karen will approach the Council about moss clearing. We will be continuing to pay the LTA for our membership as they have a better public liability scheme than ours. The Council Insurance will not cover us for the tennis.

6. **A.O.B.:** Anthony asked whether now the bridge repairs on Albany Road are completed, the damage to the park would be repaired. It was understood that this was a commitment from the firm, but Karen will follow up.

7. **Next meeting:** Monday Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 2021 7.30pm. on zoom