

Minutes of the Friends of Spencer Park Committee
June 7th. 2021

Present: Karen Berry, Helen Spence. Helen Elias, Ken Taylor, Debbie Riordan, Carol Bayliss, Peter Elias, Zilpha Reed, Anthony Godber, Jane Donovan, Liz Bayton,

1. Apologies: Tim Brooke, Lynn Ritchie, Becky Gittens, Pat Ryan

		Action needed
2.Minutes of March 1st meeting and matters arising	Accepted as a true record. There is a rough sleeper in the Recreation ground but no one was certain if it was the same man as before.	
3.Pavilion cafe	Jane reported that the cost of decorating will be £120 a day – about £1000 in total. The green gloss will remain and the walls will be painted white. Vinyl flooring will be laid in the entrance area and in the fridge area but not in the kitchen. The committee approved this plan. Jane will look into the costs of a bean to cup coffee machine, which would be leased with an option to buy. Jane will investigate worktops and kitchen units.	Jane
4. Pavilion sub committee	Peter reported that they are looking for a quantity surveyor and have been quoted £400. They also need funding for a feasibility study and legal fees. Tim is looking at funding options.	
5. Recreation Ground	Helen E reported that she met with Dave Lewis and the installation of two benches by the tyre swing will go ahead. Lynn sent an email which stated that if we get the NCS volunteers they will be available from August 16th to the 20th. If the bid is not succesful Lynn has other contacts who can interview young park users about equipment preferences.	
6. ECHO	Items for July are due June 18th. We should report on the Flat Green availability for rental without toilet access for £5 an hour. (The toilets will be open when the pavilion is open once the hand driers are installed). The pavilion rooms are not sufficiently ventilated to be hired out at present. The Flat Green is available for children’s parties, keep fit classes, dog events etc. Advertise Saturday gardening. Band in the Park – Aug 15th. AGM Saturday July 17th. 2pm. Cafe opening early July. Defibrillator and ?mural competition(See below) Photography competition. Sunflower decorations round the pavilion (Carol needs volunteers)	Jane to send Helen E details about cafe for June 18th.

7. Crown Green	Dave Chater was not at the meeting.	
8. Defibrillator	Debbie reported that Councillor Anthony Tucker will let us use his own Crowdfunding account which will avoid the complex procedure of setting up a pay pal account and avoiding the four month waiting period for Just Giving. She has contacted Colin Bates who responded to the Facebook request by offering a defibrillator at cost. £905 has been donated so far. Debbie will send the web page to Anthony for Facebook and the web site and Helen E for the Echo and we should all contact people for small contributions.	Debbie to get link from Anthony T and send final copy of web page to Anthony G and Helen E.
9. Tennis	Karen reported that there are now 116 members and 4 corporate.	
10. AGM	Date agreed – Saturday July 17th at 2pm in the Park.	
10. Spencer Park logo	The meeting agreed to Helen S's proposal to put our charity number and "Friends of Spencer Park" on the logo. Anthony offered to do this.	Anthony to revise the logo
11. Any other business	Anthony and Jane would like to run a mural competition as part of the City of Culture. It would target secondary age young people. Designs for large blank canvases on an Environmental theme would be requested and the winners would paint the murals to go outside the pavilion. There would be cash prizes. Anthony referred to some complaints on Facebook about dangers to the public of activities on the Recreation Ground.	Jane to finalize details possibly for inclusion in ECHO Anthony will draft agency contact details for the Facebook page.
11, Date of next meeting	Monday July 5th. 7.30 pm. Possibly at Zilpha's, government regulations permitting. .	

Helen Elias 9.6.21