

Friends of Broomfield Park	<b>Minutes of Open Meeting on 10 October 2016</b> <b>Ruth Winston Centre</b>	
<b>Present</b>	26 attendees	
<b>Apologies</b>	Committee members Zahir Anwar(ZA) Geraldine Anwar Ivor Evans(IE) Kim Lumley(KL)	
<b>Chair</b>	Tony Elliott (TE) took the chair and opened the meeting.	
<b>Minutes of Previous Meetings</b>	Minutes were approved with no amendments	
<b>Matters Arising</b>	Most matters dealt with on the meeting's agenda Planting in Remembrance Garden has happened. Invite to future meetings be made to Southgate Green Safer Neighbourhood Police. One Public Realm Improvement Officer (PRIO) remains in post until the end of the year. PRIOs have been replaced by twice yearly meetings with Associate Cabinet Member - our is Cllr Bambos Charalambous - and this is the conduit for raising and solving problems relating to the park. Sue Younger (SY) and TE will attend and report back to the committee. Agenda item for next committee.	Sue Cook (SCo)
<b>Finance</b>	Treasurer(ZA) sent apologies.Accounts are healthy and audited accounts are published on the Friends website.	
<b>Awards this year</b>	Broomfield Park has been awarded: Green Flag status - this is a national benchmark and a real accolade for the contribution made to the park by both park workers and volunteers. Now needs a flagpole. Gold medal for whole park - Enfield in Bloom Gold Medal for Conservatory Silver medal for Orchard Proposed to ask Bernadette (current park gardener and Bob (former gardener) to attend Awards Ceremony at Royal Chace Hotel as representative of the Friends.	TE and SY  TE to confirm with organisers

<p><b>Summer in the Park</b></p>	<p>Broomfield Blues held every Sunday during August was very well attended and well received. St. Harmonicas have donated £200 to Friends as recognition of support.</p> <p>Talkies held an open air screening of ET on the bowling green. This too was very well attended.</p> <p>Palmer's Green Festival on 4 September concluded the summer activities in the park. Once again, this was well-organised and very well attended.</p> <p>Broomfield Park is firmly on the map for enjoyable summer events. The meeting gave a vote of thanks to everyone involved in these activities.</p> <p>It is recognised that more support is needed from volunteers if they are to continue and if we wish to bring back the successful Proms in the Park next July 2017.</p>	
<p><b>Photo graphic competition</b></p>	<p>There were 60+ entrants this year. Shortlist of 9 was made by committee and the public then voted - 328 votes cast. The two winners have been notified and each will receive a small award. Photos will remain on show in the conservatory until the end of October.</p> <p>In future it is suggested that local schools be informed and encouraged to participate. A volunteer came forward to do this and she will liaise with David Abrahams (DA).</p> <p>Committee will also consider the feasibility of using photographs in a calendar and selling to add to park funds.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>All</p>

<p><b>Updates on current areas and initiatives in the park</b></p>	<p><b>The Palmers Greenery Community cafe</b>  Sarah Cotton (SC) reported that it continues to do well and to provide a much appreciated amenity on Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Winter hours are generally from 10.00 - 15.00pm.</p> <p><b>Broomfield Conservatory</b>  Elizabeth Dobbie (ED) reported that the season has been very successful and urged people to go and see the many beautiful flowers and plants there. Opening hours are 1400 - 16.00pm on Wednesdays and Sundays.</p> <p><b>Community Orchard</b>  David March (DM) reported a bumper crop of apples and urged people to attend Apple Day on 16 October 2016..  He also reported on the bee hives and the sale of pots of honey -£5 per pot from the Orchard and Palmers Greenery cafe.</p> <p><b>The Wildflower Garden</b> is to be rotivated and a digger is arriving to re-shape the pond so that a liner can be added. A new hedge and live willow fence around the area are planned.  DM also reported that the park has been visited by representatives from the Woodland Trust who remarked favourably on the number of whips planted last year which have survived.</p> <p><b>The Growing Space</b> has a number of raised planters which are in use. Anyone wishing to join the volunteers to help in this area should come to the orchard on Wednesday mornings and/or Sunday afternoons. All are welcome.</p> <p><b>Remembrance Garden</b>  SY reported that a Service of Remembrance is to be held on Friday 11 November at 10.45am and will be attended by the Deputy Mayor and David Burrowes, MP. Local schools are participating and the service will be led by the vicar of Christ Church, Southgate. The Palmers Greenery will open after the service for the sale of wartime refreshments.  SY updated us on the progress of the War Memorial Trust (WMT) application. The council has appointed a conservation architect and a programme of work has been agreed and gone out to tender. A full application to WMT will follow. The intention is to restore the memorial to how it was in 1929, including restoring the stained glass windows and the fountain. There is a possibility that the birdbath will be re-instated.</p> <p><b>Broomfield House</b>  As regards the restoration of Broomfield House and Stableyard, Enfield Council is currently speaking to potential development partners who are essential if we are to get Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) support. Enfield is considering separate partners for the House and the Stableyard. The Partnership Board for 18 October has been postponed until late November when we should hear more.  If anyone hasn't seen the Broomfield Park Conservation Management Plan, go to <a href="http://www.broomfieldhouse.org">www.broomfieldhouse.org</a> and look at it. Although prepared for the Broomfield House restoration project to meet HLF an dHistoric England guidance, thee are significant sections about this history and future management of the rest of the Park.</p>	
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<p><b>Updates continued</b></p>	<p>The Broomfield House Trust is seeking funds for a trial restoration of sections of the Lanscroom Murals which have been in store since the 1984 fire which closed Broomfield House to the public. The Enfield Society has agreed to make a significant contribution to the cost, and we will seek further funding from the HLF.</p> <p>For those who shop in Waitrose Palmers Green there is an opportunity to show support for this scheme by dropping tokens in the appropriate Community collection box.</p> <p><b>Boating Pond and Lakes</b></p> <p>A build up of silt, algae, rubbish and the low level of water led to the boating pond becoming unsightly and unuseable by Broomfield Boating Club. Several letters to the Council in general and to Cllr Daniel Anderson in particular, led to the boating pond being cleaned in time for the Palmers Green Festival. Members of the Friends wrote to thank Cllr Anderson for his speedy response to our call for help and SY has written urging him to ensure that the annual emptying and cleaning of the boating pond should be reinstated in the spring. The matter will be raised with Cllr B. Charalambous.</p> <p><b>Green Gym</b></p> <p>Loose equipment and the removal of signs explaining how to use it correctly have been reported to the company responsible.</p> <p><b>General Maintenance</b></p> <p>Concern noted that one of the Coronation Gates isn't opening. To be reported and checked.</p>	<p>TE SY</p> <p>TE</p> <p>TE SY</p>
<p><b>New initiative</b></p>	<p><b>Playground</b></p> <p>Tessa Davies(TD)</p> <p>Concern over paucity of equipment and lack of shade and seating has resulted in a small group of interested park users establishing a playground action group. Firstly, they will be gathering signatures of support and researching what is available in upgraded playgrounds. It is noted that there is a heavy footfall and a poor variety of equipment with almost nothing for younger children and no use of natural materials.</p> <p>The longterm objective is to update and improve the play facilities for children in the park.</p> <p>Anyone interested in joining the group should email: <a href="mailto:broomfieldplayground@gmail.com">broomfieldplayground@gmail.com</a></p> <p>The initiative was met with enthusiasm and TD has agreed to update the committee and members at future meetings. Members thanked her and her group for their enthusiasm and energy.</p>	
<p><b>Next meeting</b></p>	<p>Date will be finalised but is likely to be Monday 20 February</p>	<p>SC</p>