



Friends of Broomfield Park

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Minutes of AGM 15 May 2017

Committee members: Chris Kaufman(CK) Sue Cook(SCo) Tony Elliott(TE) Zahir Anwar(ZA) Sue Younger(SY) Sarah Cotton(SC) Helen Blairman(HB) David March(DM) Kim Lumley(KL) Don Arthur(DA) Kate Mabey(KM) Ivor Evans(IE)

Attendance 31 present. Apologies from Cllr Dinah Barry, Kate Mabey.

Chair Chris Kaufman presented report on behalf of the committee. Copies circulated to meeting. Report will be on the website. Report highlights just how active the various volunteer groups have been in the past year.

Accounts Draft accounts presented by ZA. Following questions and discussions it was agreed to hold EGM before the next Open meeting to approve the accounts.

Membership and subscriptions

TE outlined research into membership models from groups across Enfield. None of those responding to request for information had subscriptions for members.

Committee motion - that there should be no subscription to Friends of Broomfield Park. TE confirmed that no rule change was needed on the constitution and subscription will be fixed at zero.

Vote in favour with 1 against. Motion carried. This will be reviewed at next AGM.

Election of Committee

All current members agreed to continue. Committee re-elected unanimously. CK issued plea for new members of committee.

Officers within the committee:

Chair - vacancy

Treasurer - ZA Honorary Auditor - Simon Gatland

Secretary - vacancy. SCo stepping down after 3 years. Meeting gave vote of thanks.

Q&A on Committee Report

Conservatory - Elizabeth Dobbie gave more detail of the essential maintenance needed with estimated cost of repairs at £2k. This will be presented to Cabinet in June and we wait to hear response.

Fire in Broomfield Cottages, Stableyard - chimney stacks have been taken down and cottages made safe pending decision on Broomfield House, on which all else depends. Safer Neighbourhoods Team (Southgate Green) stated that Met police no longer has funds for CCTV and as Enfield council also has no funds, the area is vulnerable to further vandalism.

North London Netball League(NLNL) - this item generated lengthy discussions and huge concern from everyone present.

Maria Mitchell for NLNL outlined the difficulties in making the courts fit for purpose and the on-going discussion with Enfield Council. Presently, the courts are not fit for use in wet weather. If not sorted, the League will cease to use our park and it will not resume on 7 October as it should.

What is needed but NLNL is a long-term lease and a commitment to appropriate maintenance by the council.

|Long term solution- dig up and replace surface with additional drainage. Estimated cost - £300k

Short term solution - paint with silicate. Estimated cost of £18k

Enfield Council not giving answers to requests re funding, even when NLNL offered to pay 2 years subs up front. Cllr Anderson and Enfield officials involved and Maria thanked Friends of their support. Friends

emphasised the importance of the League to the status of the park, the success of the Palmers Greenery and the local residents.

If not resolved satisfactorily by end of May, Friends will lend further support and League members may take to social media.

Minutes of Open Meeting (Following on from AGM)

Broomfield Park Wetland

John Dryden of Thames21 and Ian Russell of Enfield Council gave a joint presentation on plans for a wetland area in the park, to be sited close to the park entrance on Powys Lane. They showed examples of 6 other schemes, including Firs Farm Wetland Area.

The presentation generated lots of interest and enthusiasm.

A questionnaire was left for interested members to complete and this will also be put on the website.

Photography Competition

This is going ahead again this year and will be similar to last year's. Once again there will be two sections - under 16s and over 16s. Camera club members are invited to enter and the photos submitted must have been taken between September 2016 and the closing date of entry - Friday 4 August 2017. Rules will be on the website and the event will be promoted on Palmers Green Community website. HB has designed a promotional flier which will be put on noticeboards and circulated to schools in the area.

Any Other Business

Forthcoming events:

- Open Garden in Arnos Lodge on Sunday 11 June from 2pm
- Community Celebration in Volunteers Week at Palmers Greenery on Sunday 18 June from 2pm
- Picnic in the Orchard - check website for dates
- Blues in the Park - Sunday afternoons in August from 2-4.30 pm

Question on shared paths for pedestrians and cyclists in the park - Loretta Hoy, Public Realm Development Officer to investigate and report back to committee.

Formal vote of thanks made to Bernadette and her colleagues for the work in the park - flower borders are looking magnificent.

Date of Next Open Meeting

Monday 9 October at 7.30pm in Ruth Winston Centre