

Friends of ShrewsburyPark

Minutes of AGM held 12 July 2010 at 7pm in the Park

Present: Kathy Smith (Chair), Carol Farr (Secretary) Kris Inglis (Secretary), John Frankis (Treasurer), Libby Agate, Beverley Hand, Alfred Willis, Owen Proctor Jackson, Ron Senkus, Richard Farr, John Denton, Andy Brockman, Ray B

Apologies: Ellis Kilfeather, Kate Walker, Davina Gracie, Tim Simpson, Sarah Van Gogh

Minutes

Printed copies provided, emails to members prior to mtg. Approved and signed

Arising from Minutes

Majority of voting members said no to reinstatement of old allotments proposal.

Management Committee

All members agreed to continue, no new volunteers.

Chair's Report

Kathy reported on the achievements for the year:

- Summer Festival: 550+ in attendance; 25 evaluation forms completed saying length was good, friendly atmosphere; *+points* were dogs, drums, cakes, variety of stalls. *-points* were not enough shade or diff. food, dog show too long in itself; want more stalls (craft) and childrens/teens activities and performances.
- Clean up days: This year FSP cleared around seats, the stingy nettles at Dothill entrance and overgrown brambles in old allotment area.
- Thanks to members for their help this year.
- Thanks to Andy Brockman for his help and input to the summer festival.

Financial Report

John (Treasurer) provided copies of accounts. He commented:

- Have surplus
- Membership is up
- Have received some gifts
- Noted that Parkfest funds may be ringfenced because of 2012 Olympiad. Carol and Andy had also heard this. LBG was to become a Royal Borough now and this was positive news for our future activity.

What you want to happen in the Park - Suggestions from members

- Suggestion of dog 'watering hole' had been received. Discussion followed, maybe something like new one by Oxleas café.
- Picnic area request; Still waiting for Council reply
- Water fountain

- Park viewpoint overlooking meadow is an asset: Suggested a flora and fauna board by the benches
- Friends of Eaglesfield outdoor gym proposal; Could be forced on them, equipment not in keeping with the environment, watch this space
- Andy Brockman suggested Eaglesfield excavation could use some sort of display or info board
- Garland Rd entrance (prevention of flooding); Kathy waiting for replies from Council on improvement of path. Concern about the recent burning incident. John Denton said this had positive note in that burning stimulates growth of purple emperor butterfly colony. Ray has noticed colony there for 6 years, also proliferation of dragonflies.
- Gates/restrictions on Dothill entrance; Woodlands Farm may be site of Olympic equestrian support area so better security could be available here.
- Bramble clearing; All agreed it should continue in some form.
- Flamsteed Society; Possible to have an astronomical event (stargazing)
- Meridian Radio (QE Hospital); Owen would like to do interviews or chats about the locale. Podcast format suggested, MC will research content and reply.

AOB

- Andy said the School in the Park Party III happening on 22 July, support Plumcroft.
- English Heritage Security; This dealt with damage to environment and buildings, a ground up partnership with local police teams. It deals effectively with crimes and prosecutions.

After the business, members took part in a "Shrewsbury Park Quiz, organised by Kathy. The all women group won, see www.fsp.org.uk for photos.

Signed as a true record

Date