

Minutes of FOPP Meeting Thursday 16th January 2015 at Crawford House

Present: Katy Gardner, Paul Slater, Sue Shaw, Ian Lawson, Ron Doran, Barbara Finnikin. Apologies Pat Bragg, John Wolf, Liz Davidson

| Item | Topic | Action |
|------|---|--|
| 1. | Drainage/flooding on footpath | Katy & Paul to discuss requirements* |
| 2. | Next tree thinning to be 31/1/15. Paul marked out Plantation B. Maybe do another one in Feb – decision to be made | Katy: send email Katy email tree group |
| 3. | Wildflower planting potential to introduce new varieties. | Katy: mention to tree group |
| 4. | Feedback re the Visual Design Minutes – which are great. Suggested they could be put up in the Town Hall/Cunnard building or Windsor Library. | Katy: write to Mayor to say FOPP would like to present him with this/show it to him – perhaps Mayor would then frame and suggest site for it ? |
| 5. | Arrange to have smaller versions of the Visual Design Minutes produced that can be used as posters etc. | Katy will organise (part of Henge group work) |
| 6. | Lake drainage – possibility of contacting Parkrun to see if they would help fund raising, as repairing drainage on main path used for run should prevent flooding. | *Katy/Paul meet with Alan Smith (parks) Glendales to look at this |
| 7. | Katy advised that an independent review of Liverpool Greenspace is underway, commissioned by Council – using an independent committee. Due to report in late Spring. This may encompass the lake drainage and fountain. It might include progressing plans for Boulevard | Katy will try and obtain further details re this |
| 8. | Should we be thinking about planting around the Sunburst Gates in future.. ..to liven up entrance to park ? | Katy will contact Ingrid re thoughts on this |
| 9. | Events 2015 – main event will be Spring Fayre/Henge launch – Date: May 23 rd . It will be a Victorian Fayre recapturing the fayre held when the park opened. Will include: Hot Air Balloon, donkey rides, carriage rides, willow workshop, Henge making workshop and games <i>*Katy forgot to mention at meeting that Paxton on Merseyside lottery bid from Friends of Birkenhead park/ FOPP likely to go in soon*</i> | Katy & Exec Committee will co-ordinate & ensure publicity Put date in diary. NB will need volunteers on the day Katy will keep FOPP informed |

| | | |
|-----|--|---|
| 10. | www.friendsofprincesparkl8.org.uk website is being set up and will be available within 2 weeks. This has kindly been done by a gentleman Katy met on Chatsworth trip who has created a website for Birkenhead Park and whose great great uncle worked with Paxton | All Look out for website live in Feb! |
| 11. | Agreed that Notice Boards need to be used as the means of sharing info. Katy can't get them to open! | Katy going to let Ron have keys to see if he can open |
| 12. | Add Posters to Notice boards for next FOPP events | Barbara |
| 13. | Mandela memorial – L8 group are still reviewing what they want – but it won't be a statue. They want to work with FOPP to discuss ideas and identify space | |
| 14. | Future meetings – next FOPP meeting will be in April – 3 rd Thurs (16/04/15). Have the AGM in summer? early July – maybe picnic in the Park Maybe a tree walk/wildlife walk – March/April | Katy/Paul set date for wildlife walk in later March Tree group: Tree walk in April ? |
| 15. | Update to bird/wildlife information | Paul |
| 16. | Windsor street (full project) not going ahead at this time but gradual increase in local businesses might. FOPP will be kept informed | |
| 17. | Siting of bicycle station outside sunburst gates – felt to be inappropriate. Could they be relocated to the Boulevard? | <i>Ask FOPP for views - Should FOPP raise this as an issue? COMMENTS TO FOPP by email please</i> |
| 18. | Other Park Gates are looking very tatty – could we start a FOPP working party to clean them up and repaint? Could this be something the Young offenders could help with? | Katy email Alan Smith/Glendaes. Could FOPP clean them up. |
| 19. | Date of Next FOPP meeting: Thursday 16th April See emails website and twitter for date of tree walk and wildlife walk. | |

TREE THINNING SAT 31st JAN PLANTATION NEAR PARK NOOK 10 am ONWARDS..... LOOK FOR US IN OUR HI VIS VESTS