

Minutes of the Friends of Preston Park

21st November 2017

Attending:

Sue Shepherd (Chair)
Siriol Hugh-Jones
Carol Cole
Sue Shanks
Clive Shepherd
Keith Upton
Joe McNulty

Apologies:

Garry Meyer
Emma Keane

1 Noticeboards

These are in a terrible mess. Garry has OK'd it for us to repair these ourselves. **Joe** will investigate and advise about replacing the interior boarding with something more suitable and durable, and repairing the opening nuts.

2 Email format

Our membership has risen close to 500. Beyond this, we will not be allowed to send mailings from our current provider. **Clive** will explore a mailing list provider and put together a template for review.

3 Parking in the park

There has been an increase in illegal parking, particularly for football matches. Sue suggests writing to the council to see what can be done to further tighten up enforcement. In those situations in which it is not possible to issue tickets, i.e. when someone is parking on the grass, perhaps a warning could be given. **Sue** will email councillors.

4 Calendars

We have had 100 printed for sale at £5 each. We will sell them at the Wreath-making event. Sue also suggested selling calendars at U3A events.

The following were taken:

Sue Shanks: 2 (paid)
Carol: 8
Siriol: 1
Keith: 2 (paid)
Joe: 5 (paid for 2)

5 Pride and funding

Paul Kemp of Pride has suggested that we could make more than one £1000 bid for the Community Fund.

Joe advised that we should also receive a grant from Jonathan Best through the Community Engagement Fund.

One suggestion was that we use the grant money to buy a marquee. Joe is going to explore options, including the alternative option of renting.

A further option is equipment for a park gym. Joe estimated a cost of around £2000 per piece, so this would need to be a multi-year project. Sue explained that this would need clearing with the council.

The repair of the noticeboards could also be included in a grant.

A further option is restoration of a storage unit behind the Men's Bowls Pavilion.

Joe is going to make an application for the Pride fund.

6 Wreath-making event

Sue Shanks will let Clive know what we need to pay for Knoyle Hall.

Siriol will check whether we can store the greenery (in three large Hippo bags) the night before. Also whether we can use the tables.

Sue Shanks has asked for access from 10.00.

Keith will bring along a PA for playing music.

Siriol can help clear up. Carol and Sue Shanks can come at beginning. Joe can attend the whole event. Clive can attend up until the football! We will ask Alison if she would be prepared to help.

Carol would like two posters.

7 Social media

Sue Shanks suggested we have a Facebook page and a Twitter account. Joe also suggested Instagram. There was general agreement that this would help to expand our reach.

Siriol has also offered to help with posting.

Joe advised that anyone should be able to join the Facebook group without permission.

Rose Jones (photo winner!) offered to help us with social media at the AGM. **Sue** will contact her. Andy Jeavons also offered to help.

8 Events in 2018

Siriol explained that she is organising events for Refugee Week on June 23, 2018. A picnic in the park could be interesting as a FoPP event.

Easter Egg event: Sunday 1 April

AGM: Saturday 22 September

Halloween Lantern Walk: Saturday 27 October (Clive's birthday!)

Wreath Making: Saturday 15 December

We will also have a photographic competition. Sue Shanks suggested that it could be voted for on Facebook. Joe suggested the categories could be time of day.

9 AOB

Carol has a neighbour who would be interested in joining the committee. She will pass the details on to Sue.

Sue said that Joanna Harper is also interested.

10 Next meeting

Wednesday February 21 at 18.30 at the Park View