

# Friends of Preston Park meeting

## 6.30pm on 18 October 2018 at The Park View

### Present:

Joe McNulty, Carol Cole, Sue Shepherd, Clive Shepherd, Sue Shanks, Keith Upton

### Apologies:

Siriol Hugh-Jones, Dimitri Mehandziski, Garry Meyer, Rose Jones

### Minutes of last meeting

Sue Shanks asked whether we should be invited to the debrief. We agreed that we should enquire about participating next year.

Joe will contact Pride about applying for community funding again.

### Plans for Halloween Lantern Walk

Carol circulated a to-do list, which she led us through.

Carol will pay for the pumpkins in advance and claim as expenses.

Garry will pick up the pumpkins and store them.

Carol will ask Garry whether he needs somewhere to store the carved pumpkins.

We will give away pumpkins to the public after the event.

The announcer will thank Fiveways Fruits for their contribution.

Clive will talk to the magician about where to go and when on the night. Suggest he does a show in the pavilion from 6 to 6.45 and then joins the walk. Clive will ask if he needs a sound system.

Carol to ask Garry to use his van to put out and collect the pumpkins.

Clive to check with Mark Nelson about whether he can take the photographs. If not, perhaps Clive could do this and someone else could do announcements (Keith volunteered).

Sue has got quite a few decorations from last year and some new ones, which is probably enough.

Carol to ask Garry if he will lead the walk. Joe will provide his Viking helmet.

Best lantern: Chosen by the mayor on the walk.

Fancy dress: Line up and parade across the steps. The mayor chooses. Each child gets a medal and a sweet (there are lollipops in the store room).

Collections: Carol will buy a bucket. Sue will bring one.

H&S: The vans need to stick down trailing wires with gaffer tape. Keith will provide professional cover for the wires.

Keith will put up a small marquee to provide cover for his equipment.

Sue has arranged for the toilets next to the Rotunda to be kept open. We will not be able to use the ones in the pavilion.

Carol will check with Garry about rubbish bins. Also, whether he can bring some cones for marking out where the Mayor will park. And also, whether he can bring some hi-vis jackets.

Carol needs to prepare instructions for the announcer to include correct address of the Mayor, thanking sponsors etc.

## **Parking issues**

Sue said that this was becoming a problem again, particularly for events.

Sue Shanks said there should be a financial penalty or other sanction for those that infringe. Also that, whenever there is an event, a parking enforcement officer should attend.

Sue suggested that we use the parking monies to put in more substantial posts all along Lime Tree Walk and along the A23.

Joe thought that existing bollards should be repaired but that bollards on the A23 would be too much and that not many people get in that way.

Joe suggested another meeting with the councillors would be a good way forward.

Sue Shanks asked whether there was a Preston Park Local Action Team (LAT) that's we could consult.

Sue Shepherd will email councillors/police/events team to arrange a meeting about this.

## **'Blind garden'**

Keith explained that the Coronation Garden used to have a function as a garden for those with visual disabilities. Joe said that this had not been the case for a long time. There was a discussion about the re-design of the Coronation Garden and some misgivings were expressed. Sue explained that we had been consulted but only about details, not the general concept.

Keith suggested we contact the RNIB to determine their opinion. Sue said that it was too late. Carol suggested that we might re-establish the original purpose by asking for aromatic planting.

Keith said that the excuse about lack of funds was over-used and that money could be made available if it was really needed.

Sue will contact Parks Projects and CityParks to ask that the planting scheme by the shelter includes aromatic plants.

## **AGM**

We agreed to do the AGM business right at the start and to keep it very quick.

Sue Shanks will buy tea, coffee, sugar, milk and biscuits.

Keith will supply a small PA, projector and screen.

## **Wreath-making event**

The event will be on Saturday 15 December in St Peter's Church from 11-2.

No preparations are needed at this point.

Friends of St Peters will provide raffle and small sale, they'll also arrange tea/coffee, Sue will buy mince pies, moss and any extra equipment.

We will share any profit with the Friends of St Peter's.

### **The future of the chair role**

Sue explained that she will be stepping down her role as chair and from FoPP as soon after the wreath-making event as practicable.

Sue Shanks said that FoPP should keep going in the meantime, although it is unclear who should take the chair role.

Joe suggested sending out an email to ask for thoughts of the full committee, explaining all of the things that she does. Carol suggested that the chair role could be split up.

### **Any other business**

Sue said that the Preston Twin was 6th in the Tree of the Year. It received 831 votes and received £500 towards its maintenance.

Carol said that the flint walls surrounding the cycle track were in a bad state of affair. Sue suggested Carol call Alan Griffiths to find out who is responsible.

Sue suggested we focus for now on the parking problem.

Carol suggested using volunteers to sort this out.

Sue mentioned that she will be meeting with Francis from the Rotunda café to design a display about the history of the building. The FoPP logo and web address will be on the display.

### **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 15th January 7.30 Park View pub.