

## **FoPP Committee Meeting 8th October, 18.30, Park View**

**Present:** Kerry Pickett, Rose Jones, Carol Cole, Dimitri Mehandziski, Clive Shepherd, Andy Jeavons

**Apologies:** Siriol Hugh-Jones, Garry Meyer, Joe McNulty, Jackie Sutton

### **1) Minutes of last meeting and action points**

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

Martin MacKenzie has said that he would be interested in joining the FoPP Committee.

### **2) Leadership Training**

As part of the leadership training, Jackie Sutton and Martin MacKenzie will have completed their courses once they have attended the first aid section. Carol Cole and Kerry Pickett will attend the first part of the training on Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November. Other volunteers are still needed to sign up for further training.

### **3) Wooden Posts**

Action:

- Carol Cole will contact Alan Griffiths concerning their commitment to repair and replace the posts during autumn

### **4) Wild Flower Meadow**

Action:

- Andy Jeavons will contact Alan Griffiths to discuss the best options for next year

### **5) Pride**

Action:

- Carol Cole will meet with Paul Kemp in late September/ early October, to discuss the Social Impact Fund
- An online survey was suggested to discuss possible ideas for the park. A timeline will be formulated to discuss the options

### **6) Preston Twins**

The diseased tree has been defoliated, but not yet felled.

Action:

- Andy Jeavons will liaise with the tree-gang for further news as to what will happen next

## **7) Slack App**

Action:

Clive Shepherd will re-invite Committee members at the next meeting

## **8) Halloween Lantern Walk**

Action:

- Rose Jones, Carol Cole, Joe McNulty and Dimitri Mehandziski are available to set and clear up the event, but further volunteers are still required. Dimitri Mehandziski will try and get more, but anyone interested should contact him or Carol Cole. At least 6 people are needed to put the gazebos up. Volunteers will need to bring torches
- Decorations, gazebos, tables and chairs need to be collected and put up in the area in front of the Fitness Hub/bowls pavilion at 16.30. Also need people to carry the donation buckets and help monitor the walk
- Carol Cole, Kerry Pickett and Clive Shepherd will meet on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October to assess what needs buying with regards decorations and LED lights. Carol will buy new ones as required
- TS Professional will provide the equipment for lighting, sound system and smoke machine. Dimitri Mehandziski will liaise with them
- Dimitri Mehandziski has organised the catering and will liaise with them
- Carol Cole will buy the necessary sweets and chocolate
- Rangers are needed to put fencing out around the Fitnesshub pavilion. Carol Cole speak to the Ranger
- Ranger Neal will be on hand with a pick up to help with the initial setting up. He will also provide a trolley to move stuff back to the Chalet Café store after the event
- Carol Cole has bought 60 ceramic pumpkins as there aren't enough volunteers for carving this year. Carol will also buy 6 real pumpkins to be carved by Joely Marlow. Kerry Pickett to liaise between Carol and Joely

- Amy Henley, Preston Park Ward Councillor, will judge the lanterns and costumes, and present the prizes
- Joe McNulty will lead the walk and act as compere
- Joe McNulty will put the playlist of spooky music together. Carol Cole will confirm this has been completed
- Carol Cole to confirm with City Clean that the toilets will remain open

## **9) AGM**

The meeting format has been formulated. It was agreed that refreshments would be served before the start of the meeting rather than after AGM business, to give more time to the speaker. We will end with the photographic competition results and the sale of FoPP calendars. With regards to the photographic competition, it was decided that local schools and their photographic clubs would be contacted next year to broaden the interest of younger competitors.

Action:

- Rose Jones and Carol Cole will meet with Kate Bradbury, our speaker, ahead of the event
- Clive Shepherd to contact TS Professional regarding the hire of equipment to display the photographic competition results
- Clive Shepherd to organise advertising the event

## **10) Wreath Making**

It was agreed that timed slots would make the event less chaotic. Times will be discussed and agreed with the co-hosts, Friends of St. Peter's Church

Action:

- Rose Jones, Kerry Pickett, Dimitri Mehandziski, Clive Shepherd and Jackie Sutton have all agreed to volunteer, however more helpers are still needed
- The Rangers will provide the vegetation
- Moss, frames, scissors and twine cutters will be bought by Sue Shepherd
- Clive Shepherd will advertise the event

## **AOB and next meeting**

Clive Shepherd has created a new FoPP membership application for the FoPP website.

It was suggested that volunteer gardeners could be trained to use certain items of machinery.

Action:

- Carol Cole will speak to Alan Griffiths to see if this is possible

The meeting ended at 20.45. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 11th December, at 18.30. It will consist of half an hour Slack training session by Clive Shepherd, followed by a Christmas meal together.