

## Friends of St George Park Meeting Minutes

Online Meeting held 11:00, 25 June 2020

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### Attendees

Chris, Janice, Liz, Maggie, Nick, Polly

Apologies: Katie, Stella

### Wheelpark Elevate Project

1. Polly (also a member of the St George Network Planning Group) had concerns about the impact of the Elevate Wheelpark project on the park. Nick is involved in this, which is being run as a Friends project with support from the Council. The project was presented and approved at the February Community meeting and to the February friends meeting. The project will occupy the existing wheelpark footprint and could include the unused asphalt area to the west of the MUGA. **Nick** to arrange that at least one member of the Elevate team attends future meetings.

### Lake Project

2. Following the fish deaths in early June, we commissioned our own test of the lake water (cost £84) and gave the results to our environmental consultants, 35percent. No major toxins were found but the lake is exceptionally acidic, has high sulphate content and low oxygen levels. The first two issues would fit in with sulphuric acid (as used in car batteries) being put in the lake. The third would benefit from clearance of vegetation and the aerators. We will follow up with the Council and monitor the lake.
3. After our last project meeting with Council on 1 June (Chris, Maggie, Nick), we were concerned that the allocated budget for the lake repairs appears not to be available. We have asked for Asher Craig's help to resolve this. It is likely that the work (repairs and our project) will now not happen until autumn 2021. We have another meeting with the Council on 29 June.
4. 35percent are expected to produce their design and management report in the next week or two. We want to work with the Council to manage the lake going forward.

### Membership & Facebook

5. Over fifty people a week have joined our Facebook group (now 2,079 members) since the start of Covid. We will put up a post asking people to join the Friends and signpost them to our website that lists all the things we want to do (see <https://friendsofstgeorgepark.org.uk/what-we-do/>).
6. Chris and Nick are meeting new member Katie, who is keen to be involved, on Tuesday 30 June.

### Community Garden Group

7. Liz reported that the Community Garden group had been working to keep the gardens alive. Members are often approached by people who were glad to see the activity and potentially want to get involved. To support the community garden, it was agreed that:
  - a. The group would go ahead with repairs, already set in motion by **Stella**, to be paid for by existing funds.
  - b. **Maggie** would put in a grant application to Tesco "Bags of Help" for a grant to fund noticeboards, planting and other items.
  - c. **Nick** will talk to the Council about getting a secure tap put on the Bake Box or nearby.

- d. **Nick** to get generic Friends business cards that we can each have, to give to interested people.

### Photo Calendar Competition

- 8. We agreed the 2019 competition had been a success and had generated a surplus for the group, unsold calendars had been gifted to people in care homes and others.
- 9. We agreed to hold a 2020 competition to produce a 2021 calendar with the same quantity (250) in the expectation that it would be more popular this year. **Janice/Nick** to follow up. We agreed to:
  - a. Open for submissions from late July until mid-September, with voting until mid-October.
  - b. Consider alternative layouts and suppliers.
  - c. Keep it to amateur photographers.

### Autumn Event

- 10. We agreed to hold a “Celebrate the Park” event in early to mid-September (Covid permitting).
  - a. **Liz, Janice, Maggie and Polly** agreed to start organising – more people welcome!
  - b. The event would showcase the group and raise funds.
  - c. It will include a tombola, **Janice** will quality control the prizes.
  - d. **Nick** to liaise with other groups who might be interested and get permission from Council.
  - e. **Nick** to invite Asher Craig to open it.

### Any Other Business

- 11. **Treasurer** was renewing the public liability insurance.

### Actions from February 2020 meeting

These were not discussed but are included here so they are not lost.

- 12. **Treasurer** purchase 5 more high-vis jackets for litter picks.
- 13. **Maggie** to contact Avon Bat Group about a bat walk to use up balance of Green Capital Grant.
- 14. **Treasurer** to source two metal donation tins, let Chair know what format artwork is needed.
- 15. Consider a Christmas craft market.
- 16. Create a Mural on the “cow shed” graffiti. Asher will support us. Awaiting response from Teija.
- 17. **Chair** to monitor decisions by Bowling Club on future use of bowling greens.

### Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held online @ 7:30, Thursday 23 July. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Minutes agreed & approved:

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