

Friends of St George Park Meeting Minutes

Online Meeting held 7:30pm, 23 July 2020

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Attendees

Chris, Drew, Janice, Maggie, Nick, Stella.

Apologies: Diane, Katie, Polly.

Minutes from 25 June Meeting

1. The 25 June minutes were approved.
2. **Nick** to get generic Friends business cards that we can each have, to give to interested people.
3. It was unlikely that we could hold an autumn event as Council were not accepting any events in parks now. Consider an online event or maybe a short promo film for Facebook/web page to make people aware of what we do. **Any volunteers** to do this?
4. Photo calendar competition would be launched end of July. Janice and Nick were looking at costs and designs. We would use Friends email address. **Nick** to set up.

Lake Project

5. We have received the report from 35percent. They propose using rubble from the wall rebuild to cover the shortfall of silt to create the marshy areas. The report outlines three options:
 - Full east and west marshy areas, £91-£95k in conjunction with full wall rebuild.
 - Smaller east and west marshy areas, £58-62k, in conjunction with full wall rebuild.
 - Full east marshy area only, £61-62k, in conjunction with eastern end wall rebuild, rest to be done later.
6. While the final option could deliver our project sooner, it would be more expensive overall and would require the lake to be drained twice. We (Chris, Maggie, Nick) have a meeting with the Council on 27 July to discuss. It was agreed Asher Craig's help was vital and **Nick** to ask her to join the meeting.

Community Garden Group

7. Stella reported that the group were managing the garden as individuals with many positive comments from park users:
 - a. The group would go ahead with bed repairs, **Stella** to coordinate with Joe (Park Work) and Trevor. To be paid for by existing funds. Trevor had costed materials at around £200.
 - b. Jackie Jarrett would donate herbs.
 - c. Rotted manure was needed **Stella/Maggie** to follow up.
 - d. The grant application to Tesco "Bags of Help" for a grant had been turned down. Many thanks to Maggie for her effort in doing this.
 - e. **Nick** waiting for Council response on a secure tap put at the Bake Box or nearby.

Wheelpark Elevate Project

8. Rob from Elevate had not been able to get to the meeting but would attend next time. Nick reported that there was support from Asher and numerous sport associations for the project. First draft designs

were being developed for wider consultation with all park users. These potentially would include outdoor gym and family seating areas.

Membership & Facebook

- 9. Kate has taken over managing Facebook member requests. Her role would be extended when she was comfortable with it.
- 10. It was agreed that we should wait for further reduction in Covid restrictions before trying to recruit more members. Involve Ella (Council volunteer coordinator).
- 11. What did we want people to do? We have a list on the website but needed something to focus people on. **Everyone**, what should we be doing?
- 12. It was agreed that we would sign the Councils working with friends’ groups pledge to improve co-operation. **Nick** to action.
- 13. **Next meeting** to discuss fundraising and donation. Including how (PayPal?) and why (what were we raising money for?) **Chris** to talk to Nick about ideas.

Any Other Business

- 14. **Nick** to thank Asher Craig for prompt clearing of weeds around Bake Box seating area.
- 15. Janice noted that the Bake Box tables were not apparently cleaned or disinfected and this was a Covid and hygiene risk. **Nick** to follow up with the Bake Box manager.

Pending Actions from earlier meetings

Included so they are not lost.

- 16. **Treasurer** was renewing the public liability insurance.
- 17. **Treasurer** purchase 5 more high-vis jackets for litter picks.
- 18. **Maggie** to contact Avon Bat Group about a bat walk to use up balance of Green Capital Grant.
- 19. **Treasurer** to source two metal donation tins, let Chair know what format artwork is needed.
- 20. **Nick** following up duck food donations with Council.
- 21. Consider a Christmas craft market.
- 22. Create a Mural on the “cow shed” graffiti. Asher will support us. Awaiting response from Teija.
- 23. **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 August. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

Minutes agreed & approved:

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