

Friends of Hillside Gardens

MEETING

15th July 2018

Present:

Marcus Warry - Chair

Nigel Duckers - Secretary

June Hyde

Tony Emerson

Gerry McAteer – Palace Road Nature Gardens

Rosena Skeete

Dino Skeete

Martin Wright

Tom Stanbury

Cllr Liz Atkins

Martin Goffe

Andreas Kappes

Hannah Cherry

Julian Balme

Apologies:

Cllr Ian Simpson

Cllr Rosena Chowdury

1	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>Pending</p>
2	<p>Role Reporting</p> <p>Concern was expressed at the late notice of the meeting, for which the Chair apologised. Because several members are new to the Friends the first part of the meeting was devoted to introductions and explanations of roles and responsibilities.</p> <p>Tony Emerson: outline the role of the Chair, particularly in terms of calling and chairing meetings and being outward-facing, especially in liaising with Lambeth Council. Tom and Andreas are both General Secretaries, with Tom being Vice-Chair. Their role is to support the Chair and Andreas is responsible for communications and, in particular, the website.</p> <p>Andreas explained that the website is being simplified and relaunched and that <i>this would be done by September</i>. He expressed a wish to take more ownership of the website and its contents and was encouraged in this.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion of the role of the Trustees, responsible for our Annual Return to the Charity Commissioners. It was thought that Jesse Scharf, Rosena Skeate, Pat Foster and June Hyde are trustees. <i>The Chair will liaise with Tony Emerson in order to confirm who the current trustees are.</i></p> <p>Nigel is the Minutes Secretary. He briefly outlined d that he sends the Minutes to the Chair and that there is a window for amendment. <i>Then the Minutes should be</i></p>

	<p><i>passed to Andreas for posting on the website.</i></p> <p>Martin Wright reported on the Allotment. There are now 21 ploholders and despite the ongoing issue with the water tap the allotments are thriving. <i>The Chair agreed to attempt to get to the bottom of the issue with the water supply.</i></p> <p>Tennis: Dino Skeete reported on tennis in the park. There has been a season of Tennis for Kids, two summer camps are planned, a beginners' course sponsored by Surrey County and the Under-12 boys have come second in the Surrey League, on which they were congratulated. Two people have won tickets in the Wimbledon Ballot. There was a discussion on the state of the courts. There has been improvement because they have been pressure-washed. The irregularity of this lead to a further discussion of whether Lambeth have a service contract covering the park. Liz Atkins thought they did and <i>the Chair agreed to ask for it.</i> Some works eg the water supply seem to be contracted to Engie and sports bookings are handled by GLL.</p> <p>Football: Tony reported that there are three days of coaching coming up on the following Saturday's, July 28th, 4 and 11th August. Meeting at 1:30 for coaching from Morris and Don from Furzedown United FC.</p>
3	<p>Section 106 Money</p> <p>There was discussion of the Section 106 money. This covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - VAT registration and recovery. <i>Tom agreed to check on this with Hannah Nunn (Treasurer) and ask her for a financial report at the next meeting</i> - Whether Section 106 money can legitimately be

	<p>spent on current expenditure as well as capital expenditure. While the role of a Project Manager appointed by the Council was widely welcomed, concern was expressed that if this role also involved being a Park Keeper that would eat into money for capital expenditure and syphon off money to support what are Lambeth's current responsibilities. <i>The Chair agreed to obtain an update from Lambeth on the amount of money, mechanisms of holding and disbursement, the role of the Project Manger etc and to arrange a meeting.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It was generally agreed that a sub-committee was needed to help manage Section 106, and represent our interest with the Council and Project Manager. The following agreed to be members: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marcus Warry - Tom Stanbury - Nigel Duckers - Dino Skeete - Hannah Cherry <p>Establishing the subcommittee was Proposed by Nigel and Seconded by Tony. It was voted for unanimously. <i>Tom volunteered to find a suitable meeting place and time.</i></p>
4	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julian bemoaned the lack of communication from the Council – and unnecessary delays - with regard to the garages and wall. However, Nigel also pointed out that this is a good news story; the wall has been rebuilt after years of neglect. - Hannah was pleased to report that she had been involved with a project with Streatham Wells primary where the children had envisioned

	<p>improvements in the locality and around the nature garden. They had many creative ideas and made an award-winning. Part of their prize is that a professional model-maker will construct their model. The meeting congratulated them.</p>
5	<p>DONM</p> <p>It was agreed that a cycle of meetings should be booked as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- September- AGM towards the end of November- March- June <p><i>Tom will diarise and if the meetings are arranged before the Minutes are posted Nigel will update them.</i></p>