

Friends of Hillside Gardens

MEETING

4th March 19

Present

Tom Stanbury - Chair

Nigel Duckers – Minutes Secretary

Rosena Skeete

Tony Emerson

Andreas Kappes

Martin Goffe

Dino Skeete

Gerry McAteer

Phyllis Hayden

Catharine Raitt

Caelainn Ferris

Robert Lenehan

Cllr Liz Akins

Kyle Moreland

Martin Wright

Cllr Iain Simpson

Stuart Handy

Apologies

Hannah Nunn

1	<p>Minutes</p> <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed.</p>
2	<p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>Apologies were received from Hannah Nunn (Treasurer). However, TS had met with her. We are moving our bank account to the Co-Op. MG said that the new rents on the allotments should be received in March and that Hannah proposed acting on setting up the new account after then.</p>
3	<p>Section 106</p> <p>4 areas of need have been identified by the Steering Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sports surfaces and young person's provision - The building - Park infrastructure (paths, wall, signs etc0 - The entrances <p>RS asked about other/match funding. TS has been liaising with the FA and DS with the LTA as a source of funding for floodlights.</p> <p>In a separate allocation, GMcA explained that PRNG had received £26000 from Section 106 funding. £18k is being spent on the current project. There is also an intention to spend money on a hut and toilet eg for Community Payback workers.</p>
4	<p>PRNG</p> <p>The major landscaping work involving diggers has taken place; there is a new pond and planting of the community orchard. A wildflower meadow will be planted with 100% wildflower mix. There will be a new performance area in front of the mural and a new hut. SH talked about the involvement of volunteers from a nearby hostel, and other local people, which he said was "all positive". ND mentioned the possibility of funding for the wooded area above the allotments: GMcA thought there might be possibilities and will liaise with Ruth Davies.</p>
5	<p>Allotments</p> <p>MG reported on the allotments. There are now 17 members of the What's App group, water is flowing, some planting has begun and there have been no objections to the raised rent (£20 up to £25) with rent being paid. MG will contact HN about buying some compost; GMcA mentioned this might come from Lambeth. IS was reminded about the request for railway sleepers and confirmed that these could be collected from the community gardens on Clapham Common. KM has joined London Beekeepers and is attending a training course; he hopes to establish a hive soon. GMcA confirmed he could also provide a secure site for a hive at PRNG.</p>
6	<p>Tennis</p> <p>DS reported on tennis. He has met with Lambeth's Sports Manager re HG beign designated as a sports venue. Lambeth Youth team is in training; there are</p>

	matches taking place in the Surrey League; there is a plan for social tennis for adults and juniours; and, generally, tennis is gearing up for the summer.
7	Family Centre PH said that she felt the Centre had been doing valuable work with local families experiencing personal and domestic challenges.
8	Social Networking and Publicity There was a discussion as to who has access to manage the various social media accounts eg Twitter, Facebook etc. Rosena is adept at Facebook; and Marie also. KM suggested a poster advertising our next meeting, when plans for the park will be presented and discussed. TS said he would make. PH suggested publicising events in The Hitherfield Herald and CR said she could put up posters on the Palace Road Estate. MW suggested the pet shop. Next Door, Mumsnet and the Streatham Place project were also identified as potential places to publicise events and activities. We intend to canvas opinion on plans during Sports Day (18 th May).
9	Gardening TS and his cousin have weeded the upper planters. There hadn't been much other uptake in regard to a gardening group. TS invited ideas for what could be put in the planters alongside the rosemary and fig eg mint and lavender. Several people said they could supply cuttings.
10	Football TE outlined plans for youth football in the Easter Holidays, with the coaches from Furzedown United. Palace Road Residents Association have kindly contributed funding. CR said they were happy to support the provision.
11	Mural There was some discussion about the idea of a mural. GMcA said he would pass on details of sources of funding and relevant community artists. Robert Lenehan and Caelainn Ferris offered to talk to people whom they know in this regard.

7	<p>Tennis</p> <p>DS and RS reported on Serious about Tennis; the community club they run, which has registered with the LTA. Their goals for the year are to: improve facilities, continue to encourage wider participation, develop funding. Recent achievement include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entering teams into the Surrey League - Hosting and Coaching with Lambeth Juniors - Applying for equipment - Plans for a Social Tennis programme on Weds evenings from April. There was some discussion of what evening would be best, not only for newcomers but for members of other clubs also. <p>A treasurer is still being sought, if anyone knows of anyone...and the Sports Day will coincide with the Great British Tennis weekend on 18/19 May.</p>
8	<p>Allotment</p> <p>MG reported on the allotments; starting by noting that temperatures were still too low for germination! There is £160 in the allotment account and, after some discussion it was agreed to raise the annual subscription from £20 to £25; still a very 'good deal'. MG had himself removed some smaller branches of cut down trees dumped at the entrance; and TS has reported this waste to LC. MG has spoken to Cllr Iain Simpson, asking him to chivvy Ian Boulton for promised railway sleepers. Emails have been exchanged to try to get a water leak fixed at the back of the toilet block/old park keeper's office. ND suggested that the allotment group input to the Section 106 Steering Group on any ideas they may have for that building.</p>
9	<p>Gardening</p> <p>Tom would like to revive the gardening group for example, dead heading roses in season, replanting the planters, planting bulbs (which are available for free). He intends to liaise with PRNG and begin to publicise the initiative.</p>
10	<p>Sports Day</p> <p>Sports Day will be modelled on last year and planned by TE, RS, TS, with AK being invited to join the sub-committee. There was some discussion of widening the appeal with, for example, an ice-cream van, face-painting, the participation of the childrens' centre etc and JE and others were keen to see this happen.</p>
11	<p>Football</p> <p>TE and TS are planning to run a football club for kids in the Easter Holidays, with the involvement of Dom and Morris from Furzedown. There may also be an outing to Dulwich Hamlet on the Bank Holiday Monday. Provisional dates are: 6/13/20 April.</p>
12	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DS is researching match-funding for Section 106 tennis upgrade - DS will replace the perspex on the noticeboard and TS will coordinate a poster, with graphic design from AK, with a calendar of sports and events happening in the park over the Spring and Summer - RS will be asked to check that the Trustee appointments are up-to-date

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- TS will establish a protocol with Hannah Nunn (Treasurer) to allow for sole signatory of cheques/authorisation of BACS payments for smaller amounts, with email or other approval from ND or TS for larger payments
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