

Meeting notes 14/04//2023

Present: Andy Tapper.	Apologies:	Lorinda
Mary		Joyce
Tony		Anne Marie
Sue		Andrew

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

Actions from the last meeting

Andy has removed the advertising from the Facebook page in accordance with the policy document produced by Tony and Andy.

Renovation of the recovered bench. C/f

Oiling of benches and playpark painting. C/f

Tony is talking to his contact re yoga. This would need to be in the playpark area (and be covered by insurance held by the yoga teacher). C/f

Amber from YourPark was not available to come to the meeting but will be invited to subsequent meetings of FONP.

Membership

The membership is currently 23. This includes some new members.

Mary kindly offered, and it was agreed, that Mary would carry out a very local "letter drop" to solicit new members from local residents using the letter produced to the meeting by Mary.

Andy will provide Mary with a current list of FONP Members prior to each meeting. Direct and secure "real time" on-line access may become available in the future. Andy is looking to structure this on-line access and maintenance so that it will be independent of Andy's personal involvement thereby facilitating transfer of responsibilities away from dependence on Andy.

Boundary and hedge

Paul Pearce has emailed regarding this. There is likely to be an assessment by Parks as to whether the new boundary will be left without a gate to allow accessibility. Andy has replied giving reasons as to why an open entrance would be unsuitable. The FONP Facebook page poll has clearly indicated the need for a physical gate.

The unsatisfactory nature and lack of security of the current hedging/fencing is a matter of concern to the committee and other users of Newbridge Park. It was noted that BANES has received funding for maintenance of the boundary for the next 30 years. There is a perception that the boundary will be made more secure and more established by September 2023.

AGM

It was understood and supported that only those who have completed a membership form should be entitled to vote.

The hall at the Emmanuel Church in Apsley Rd. has been booked by Andy for the 25th May with sufficient time and space for a number of people to attend from 7pm onwards and to provide some tea/coffee and biscuits as well as time for preparation and clearing up.

Andy has put Tony in touch with an independent reviewer for the year end Annual Accounts for presentation at the AGM.

Mary will ask her husband if he would become a member of FONP and also become the Chair of the AGM to allow all the current officers to stand down and still enable proceedings to continue.

Sue has seconded the re-appointment of all the existing officers following their compulsory resignation in accordance with the Constitution.

Andy will seek a proposer for each of the officers offering themselves for re-appointment at the AGM.

Andy has created and produced an agenda and detailed programme for the smooth running of the AGM.

Family day

It was noted that our chosen date, 1st July 2023, inadvertently clashed with a major event organised by Active Weston on the Weston Rec on the same day.

ACTIONS:

- Tony to produce all the accounting information necessary for Carol Hinton to confirm the accuracy of the Annual Accounts to be produced at the AGM.
- Recovered bench/bench oiling/painting to be carried forward.
- Andy will contact Amber (YourParks) and invite her to our next meeting to discuss fundraising.
- Andy will seek a proposer for each of the officers offering themselves for re-appointment at the AGM
- Mary to carry out a very local "letter drop" to solicit new members from local residents.

Next meeting: **TBA**