

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FRIENDS OF NEWBRIDGE PARK HELD ON 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 2023**

### **Present**

Andy Tapper

Tony Stott

Andrew Cobb

Mary Parke

Sue Leichi

### **Apologies**

Lorinda Skipper

Joyce Lancaster

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed. Andrew was thanked for hosting today's meeting.

### **Actions from the last meeting**

No feedback has been received from Councillor Michelle O'Doherty regarding the 4 areas she was dealing with.

Andy has not drafted an article for the Bath Chronicle pending a response to our nomination for open space designation. Later in the meeting it was agreed we wouldn't wait for a response but would contact the Chronicle with an article. If the nomination is accepted we will have to submit information in support of it. Andy has done considerable research going back to the origins of our group which will be useful and Tony has also done a useful report on the companies behind Aqua Vista, the owners of the marina. There is support from council officers for our nomination but it was suggested we should be cautious about this and not rely on it.

### **Reports – Chair**

Tony's tree has been cleared and bark spread underneath. A second delivery of bark subsequently appeared and some of this has been used to tidy the area just inside the top gate. Further clearing is to be considered to use up the rest of the bark. Tony and Andy have started cleaning the swings ready for repainting.

### **Secretary**

No matters to report

### **Treasurer**

There is a balance of approximately £150 in the account. Concern was raised regarding committee members paying expenses personally as funds were available. Tony suggested we organise regular working party meetings in the park both weekdays and weekends to encourage interest and also to request small contributions to costs. Dates should be set. It was suggested people might be put off coming along if a financial contribution was expected. An approach to local firms for financial help

for specific projects might be successful. Andy will draw up a list of jobs that need doing in the park so priorities can be established.

### **Membership**

We now have 28 members. Tony suggested producing business cards for handing out, with website details included on it. Subsequent to the meeting he circulated a sample. We could maybe get a print shop to sponsor the cost. Thanks to Joyce for creating an Instagram account. The website has been updated and an extra page created for photos.

**There was no AOB**

**Date of next meeting Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 at 10.30, hosted by Andrew Cobb**