

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FRIENDS OF NEWBRIDGE PARK HELD ON 19th JANUARY 2024

Present

Andy Tapper

Tony Stott

Andrew Cobb

Mary Parke

Sue Leichi

Apologies

Lorinda Skipper

Joyce Lancaster

The minutes from the last meeting were agreed.

Actions from the last meeting

The signs for the gates are being put on hold pending any work on the boundary being carried out. It was felt the rectangular design was the preferred option in view of its larger size.

Mary agreed to keep an eye on any progress with the Residents Association the inaugural meeting of which both she and Andrew attended.

Research on the dog trough is being done by Sue.

Andy has emailed Newbridge Primary School regarding possible involvement in Park activities but no reply to date.

We enjoyed an excellent Christmas lunch at the Locksbrook.

Reports – Chair

The website and Facebook have been updated. Posters are up for seed planting and fencing round the seed area on 1st February. Andy has been contacted by someone working in the sphere of wildlife and nature who has experience of tree pruning, scrub clearing and similar jobs. He has offered help with those types of activities and Andy has replied gratefully accepting. Work on the entrance nearest the main road and along the hedge there will be carried out and it was mentioned that the area on the main road, beyond the bus stop, where there isn't a path, also needs some attention.

Andy has been invited to a presentation in Bristol on 3rd February as he has been nominated for a volunteers award. Joyce will accompany him.

There will be discussions with Your Parks regarding a pond in the park area.

Secretary

No matters to report

Treasurer

There is a balance of approximately £167 in the account. The website and domain name are due for renewal at a cost of just over £188. Some committee members have boosted funds and Sue has very generously offered to pay the renewal costs as a charitable donation from her heating allowance which they always donate to charity. It was suggested that an approach could be made to Facebook members and FONP members for donations. Mary agreed to draft a letter asking if they would like to help support the work of FONP.

Membership

Mary was handed an up to date membership list.

AOB

Sue suggested fundraising via a coffee and cakes event similar to that organised annually by the McMillan charity. Andy has a large garden suitable for this or Andrew's cul de sac would also be appropriate. It was agreed to look into this.

Date of next meeting Friday 26th April 2024 at 10.30, at The Locksbrook