

Friends of Hillside Gardens

MEETING

24th February 2020

Present

Tom Stanbury – Chair

Nigel Duckers – Minutes Secretary

John Crilly - Treasurer

Kyle Moreland

Julian Balme

Andreas Kappes

Cllr Liz Atkins

Martin Wright

Rosena Skeete

Esperanza Harvey

Hannah Cherry

Amy Rae

Apologies

Martin Goffe

Cllr Iain Simpson

Cllr Rezina Chowdury

Dino Skeete

Phyllis Hayden

Gerry McAteer

1	Minutes of Previous Meeting <p>The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.</p>
2	Treasurer's report <p>JC explained that the signatories – Nigel Tom, John, Rosena - had provided the necessaries for the new bank account but setting this up is still in process. £967 is in the allotment account and £2350 in the general account.</p>
3	Section 106 <p>Tom reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has begun on the footpaths which needed to be widened in places for vehicular access. The surface is 'breathable gravel'. • Electrical cabling is being installed along the central avenue, for lighting. The main avenue will be done last, around the end of March. • New furniture e.g. benches, picnic tables etc will be installed. • We are awaiting landscape designs for the entrance area. • The playground will be worked on after March. • And the tennis courts from April onwards. The courts will remain in their current locations and be an asphalt surface. The MUGA will be an astro surface. <p>Some debate took place as to whether the tennis courts would be built by a specialist contractor or more general builder. The upshot was that Tom will check on the spec and contractor. Rosena raised concerns about drainage for the courts. Hannah thought this would be in place.</p> <p>Nigel mentioned the need for a bike rack and it was suggested there be one at the top and bottom of the park.</p> <p>Martin enquired as to whether the gate into the dog-free area would be self-closing. Tom thought it would be. He said the dog-free area would be reduced slightly in size but will be secured with better hedging.</p>

4	<p>Allotments</p> <p>Kyle reported: He has received several enquiries from people wanting to site bee hives in the park. These have been politely discouraged unless they are from bona-fide qualified keepers. His own bees are doing well.</p>
5	<p>Tennis</p> <p>Rosena reported: Serious about Tennis has applied for LEAP funding in regard to activities outside of the park. The issue of fly-tipping beside Court 3 was raised; it was agreed that Cllr Atkins be emailed to see what can be done.</p>
6	<p>Sports Day</p> <p>Tony reported: Tony, Andreas, Tom have a working group to plan sports day. It was felt this could be expanded this year – the twentieth anniversary of the Friends – to possibly stretch over the weekend of 16th May and include art/cultural activities. Tony has contacted Sing Out Streatham in that regard. He has also been in touch with Surrey County Cricket. It was suggested that former Chairs be invited to the anniversary event and Andreas agreed to coordinate that.</p>
7	<p>PRNG</p> <p>The local MP is visiting on 10th March, a day when Community Payback should be working.</p>
8	<p>Park Keeper's Office</p> <p>We have been offered the use of a room in the Park Keeper's Office which could be converted into a small kitchen/servery. This was generally welcomed, subject to reassurances about any food handling, and Tom will obtain a quote.</p>
9	<p>DONM</p> <p>June 1st</p>

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