

Friends of Hedgemead Park
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Tuesday December 10th 2019 at 6.30pm
1 Upper Hedgemead Road

Present: Nick Tobin, (NT) Nigel Pollard (NP)(Treasurer), Graham Groom (GG)(Chair), Caroline Groom (CG)(Minutes), Julia Sherwen (JSh), Edwina Vardey (EV), Joan Rotheram (JR)

Apologies for absence: None

Agenda Item	Key Points	Action/follow up
1. Welcome	GG welcomed everyone.	
2. Minutes Meeting 18/09/2019	Minutes of September meeting amended to include decision to form sub-group to assist with Play Element project. Minutes agreed.	
3. Update	3.1 Membership & newsletter 30 individual and 6 group members Autumn newsletter issued on 1st November – NP working on next issue 3.2 Treasurer's report Subs now £300 for this year. NP applied to the Charter Trustees of Bath for funding towards the fete and as granted £250 Current bank balance - £725 3.3 Civic Reception February 6th best date and therefore selected. HPF members to be invited, plus Henry Ford and Stella Woodward. 3.4 Park activity & observations 3.4.1 Litter pick on 27th October – part of Big BANES Community Clean Up – 3 bags 3.4.2 Three broken benches. GG and JSh have reported to Parks Dept and via Fix My Street 3.4.3 Capstones kicked off wall – GG has reported 3.4.4 Rough sleepers – Jeremy Dymond reports that community liaison with Julian House improved. He will also follow up on reports of items left behind in bushes as HPF not sure whether they should dispose of them. 3.4.5 Drug dealing noted again around park, including in playground. JR has drug squad phone number and will distribute to committee members 3.5. Play Element GG reported that Jeremy Dymond(JD) has communicated with Stella Woodward who is	NP NP

	happy with idea of trail as discussed at last meeting. Discussed Elf and Fairy door trail at Rainbow Woods. EV and JR to join working party with JD and Viv.	GG to follow up with email to JD & copy in EV & JR
4. HPF first year objectives and initiatives	Update on objectives for first year: 4.1 Audit of Park 4.1.1 Tour of Park GG, JSh & CG toured park with Jane Robson, and Colin from park maintenance team. CG wrote notes which she will send out to committee members 4.1.2 Trees - Tree walk with Henry Ford very informative. Suggested we audit trees in park, area by area and keep record. - GG has joined the National Tree Register, which has listed the HP County Champion Trees and their approximate site in park - GG and NP have applied for £920 grant from National Lottery 25 Community Fund, to help fund tree trail. - Some concern about condition of fir trees in area outside LHR gate - 4.2 Information boards 4.2.1 History Ongoing. BANES waiting for high definition pictures 4.2.2. HPF Local councillors, Tom Davies and Richard Samuel may donate £500 towards board. BANES will install. Committee to decide on placement. BANES will need to approve final board. 4.3. Links with other friends' groups: GG, NP & CG attended the Bath Friends Collective Meeting on October 9th. Friends From 8 areas, some parks, some wildlife areas. All different. Jeremy Dymond updated from BANES: - Keen that Friends log time spent on activities - Planning monthly meetings in Parks Dept to look at requests from Friends, and speed up response - Presentation from Rob Ashton-Campbell, Chair of Bristol Parks Forum - Central Government may be offering small grants to parks in near future – he will keep us informed. JSh suggested we have ideas costed and 'ready to go' as likely short notice 4.4 HPF website: www.hedgemead.org now launched! All agreed a very professional site And thanked GG for his work	CG to email notes GG to follow up NP to follow up GG will estimate this years' hours retrospectively

5. Battlement and look-out tower refurbishment 6. Green Flag Award 7. Dates for AGM and next year meetings	4.5. Environmental monitoring EV reports that no further diffusion tubes will be installed in the park as not area of high pollution. EV will investigate cost if HPF wish to pursue. NP has discussed with Patrick Anketell-Jones in association with the Bath World Heritage Enhancement Fund re help with this Grade II listed structure. Ivy and other vegetation needs removal, and structure assessed. Committee suggested the following as possible ideas for next year: Short term: - Identify Champion Trees and develop Tree Trail - Assess, monitor and improve/maintain wild flower roundels - Finalise purchase of Play Element and work on trail - Investigate reinstating water supply Longer term: - Battlement & look-out tower funding - Benches – work with council to gradually replace benches GG will send Doodle poll (avoid 20-24th April)	EV NP to monitor CG and JSh to work on list to send to Jane Robson GG
5 AOB	GG has been asked to attend the first meeting of the Bristol and Bath Parks Foundation on December 18th, to represent Friends groups from Bath. Will report back at next meeting. Meeting closed at 8.20pm	GG