

Friends of Hedgemoor Park
Minutes of Committee Meeting No2, 2021-22
Tuesday January 19th at 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Graham Groom (GG)(Chair), Caroline Groom (CG)(Minutes), Nigel Pollard (NP) (Treasurer), (Edwina Vardey (EV), Nick Tobin (NT) Julia Sherwen (JSh) Apologies for absence: Joan Rotheram (JR)		
Agenda Item	Key points	Action/follow up
1. Welcome & apologies	Apologies from Joan Rotheram	
2. Minutes Meeting 19/10/20	Minutes approved	
3. Updates	Committee referred to Briefing Document (appended to these minutes) circulated prior to meeting: 3.1 – 3.3 NT asked about progress on damaged / removed railings on The Paragon. GG has been informed by Paul Pearce that Property Services responsible – footings in place so far. GG understands that BaNES have insurance for damage to other property only and not their own. 3.4 Treasurer's Report – all agreed in order. NP reports Calendar Sales £340, netting c. £160 profit for HPF account. Suggested photographic competition for 2022 Calendar. Supported by committee	NP
4. Proposals for Committee consideration	4.1 NP is completing a book The History of Hedgemoor Park. Intends that any profits should be donated to HPF and has included logo on the cover. Committee asked to consider funding an ISBN code, and for book to be published in HPF name. More professional and increases outlets for selling book. NT asked about copyright costs for photographs used, and NP detailed his progress on this. Needs to be thorough. Also said he would indemnify HPF for any losses. GG to check that constitution does not prevent this proposal going ahead Committee agreed with proposal to fund ISBN subject to constitution and copyright consents completed. 4.2 Green Flag Award (GFA) Flagpole – discussion re Celia Mead, a local resident's email expressing her unhappiness with this. Points raised: • Pole is high and v noticeable – valid point. • Colour of flagpole – historically correct, as original flagpole in front of bandstand was white, as are most. • Position – HPF committee were consulted on position. BaNES agreed with area of park but chose site on flatter ground, nearer the road and easier to site pole.	GG & NP

	- Costs of alteration – fit for purpose, and unnecessary to incur cost for alteration - GFA – should be celebrated. Helps put HP on the map. - BaNES owns land and was granted award, therefore it is ultimately their choice GG will write to Celia to report committee's views	GG
5. HPF 2020-21 objectives vs achievements	5.1 Tree Trail – visitors to park have commented on tree labels and wondered whether some additional labels could be in place. Committee agreed to purchase of more labels after review of trees. Artefacts to interest children have been purchased and will be installed when weather better. 5.3.2 – Water supply – no progress on this at the moment. Property Services assessed in 2020, and found supply of water adjacent to fountain, but no idea of source, and no further information forthcoming from the Parks Department. Sound of spring water evident from drain at junction of St Stephen's Road / Camden Road but culvert descending in Camden Lawn seems to be dry. EV has been told of a couple of wells under Camden Arches. NP will provide map of springs in Camden Area from book "Lost Streams of Bath". He thinks some sources diverted to sewers in the past. JSh – not sure where to go with this problem.	NP to provide map for committee JSh, CG & GG to discuss plan to take forward
6. Objectives for 2021-22	GG suggested setting achievable objectives for putting in the public domain, and a separate list of aspirational objectives known to the committee only. This list would be useful to consult should "one-off" funding become available as often a short lead time to spend. NP suggested that we could ask for feedback from public about birds they have seen in the park. Agreed by all EV – bird boxes – committee in favour, with advice re type, placement and maintenance required. NT – re naming of areas / paths in park – committee agreed no signs to be used. Naming would be simply for ease of communication between committee members and Parks Team and may appear on plan in HPF noticeboard. Wildlife pond not agreed as too risky for public place and requires maintenance. Additional shelter not popular. EV suggested possible sculpture in railed triangular area at bridge over Drumway (near fountain).	CG to prepare table of possible objectives from list discussed and circulate for feedback
7. AOB	No other business discussed	
8. Next committee meeting and AGM	Next meeting on date TBC– near end of March AGM – towards end of April, via Zoom as Covid restrictions likely to still be in place.	GG to send out Doodle poll for meeting and AGM