

Friends of Hedgemead Park
Minutes of Committee Meeting No 4 2021-22
Tuesday March 15th 2022 at 6.30pm via Zoom

Present: Graham Groom (GG) Chair, Nigel Pollard (NP) Treasurer, Caroline Groom (CG) Secretary, Julia Sherwen, Edwina Vardey,
Apologies: Nick Tobin, Joan Rotheram

Agenda Item	Key Points	Action
1. Welcome	GG welcomed all to the meeting, again via Zoom	
2. Minutes from Meeting 12 th January	2.1 Approved 2.2 Matters Arising not tabled on this agenda for current meeting: Trifold leaflets – 500 printed. Ready for distribution. Application for membership can now be made via the website as alternative to completing paper form. NP asked if Standing Order can be encouraged. Your Park (BBPF) – HPF entered for and was awarded the ‘Community Impact – TLC award’. Certificate displayed in the HPF noticeboard Grass damage by Council vehicles – HPF have not reported this ongoing issue again but it is in the Parks action plan to resolve Bird nesting boxes – Two now installed List of birds sighted in park – now displayed in HPF noticeboard	GG to roll forward
3. Updates since last meeting	3.1 Communications – a number of posts published to website and social media 3.2. Trees – CG has submitted list of ideas for possible trees to replace the two fallen trees at park entrances, and for succession planting. Denise Hart has responded and included the new Tree and Woodland Development Manager, Sally Crudge in communications. There is no capacity in BaNES for further planting this year, but we will discuss with Sally later in the year. NP asked whether tree needed at Colebrookdale Gate – CG responded that something ornamental was desirable at each entrance as previously discussed.	CG

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3. Updates continued	Leaflet distribution – all committee members happy to take part in door-to-door deliveries from w/c 28th March. GG will send out suggested areas for deliveries and provide updated list of current members and leaflets. Planting behind bandstand – Grounds team have planted about 40 laurels to fill in gaps between existing shrubs after a local resident contacted Jane Robson at Parks Dept. having seen children climb over railings to access park. As little else will grow there anyway, it seems the best option. Queen's Jubilee weekend – there are two street parties planned – Camden road and Walcot Street. CG in discussion with one of the gardening team re decorating the bandstand. Easter Sunrise Service – St Swithins Church are planning to have a short service at the arches beneath the battlement. BaNES have approved, HPF supporting. 3.3 Treasurer's report – Balance currently £1300. NP recently donated £50 to the HPF fund resulting from his recent well-attended talk at the Larkhall History Society on the history of Hedgemoor Park. There are fewer members this year than last year, so reduced revenue.	GG CG
4. Discussion topics	4.1 Vegmead Community Garden – Sadly after over 10 years Vegmead is no longer viable in its current form. HPF gardening volunteers have discussed this, and GG and two volunteers who lead the HPF gardening sessions met with Jeremy Dymond and Jane Robson at the site. BaNES Parks do not have capacity to maintain it in any form. HPF have devised a plan to re-design the bed, preserving some of the existing planting. 4.2 AGM planning – • Draft agenda approved. Date to be between April 26th and May 12th. GG will send doodle poll to committee • St Swithin's Crypt Meeting Room preferred venue, or Museum of Bath @ Work • Motion to amend Constitution to reduce committee meetings from 4 to 3 per annum in addition to AGM agreed by those committee members present.	GG with gardening Volunteers GG & CG

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4. Discussion topics continued	Three year term for committee members ends this year. GG, CG, NP, EV willing to stand for re-election JSh will not stand for re-election. GG thanked her for her support and contribution since the creation of HPF Remaining committee members to confirm their wishes GG asked that committee consider if they were in contact with anyone who may be interested in joining the committee. 4.3. Objectives for 2022-23 – in draft form. Agreed important not to over-extend. Some objectives from this year rolled on as achievements disrupted by Covid restrictions during past two years. Any amendments to be suggested to GG prior to AGM. JSh – suggested objective re possible water supply be reworded to reflect the difficulty resolving this.	CG
5. HPF 2021-22 Objectives v Achievements	Points not already raised and recorded elsewhere in minutes: London Street entrance – planting plan for raised bed not possible as limited HPF resources, and remains of fallen Holm Oak at entrance. Gates cannot be repainted following damage. Water supply – unfortunately there is unlikely to be a resolution to this any time soon, but HPF will continue to pursue. Benches – HPF now have battery-powered jet wash for bench cleaning. Repainting project rolled over to 22/23 objectives New bench requested by LHR entrance now installed.	
6. AOB	NT has informed GG that his memorial bench, will be installed soon, possibly by the end of March.	
7. Date of next meeting	Following AGM, next committee meeting planned for July 2022	GG