

Friends of Hedgemead Park

Final Minutes of Committee Meeting No 3 2024-25

Tuesday 4th February 2025 at 5.30pm at 1 Upper Hedgemead Road

Present: Graham Groom (Chair) GG, Nigel Pollard (Treasurer) NP, Caroline Groom (Secretary) CG, Edwina Vardey EV, Nick Tobin NT, Claire Rosier CR Apologies: None		
Agenda Item	Key Points	Action
1. Welcome	GG welcomed all to meeting. All committee members present	
2. Minutes Meeting No 2 (20 th November 2024)	2.1 Minutes approved 2.2 Matters arising: Hedgemead Park sign at Lansdown Rd: EV reported Ironart not suitable for work on sign. Wonders if Friends could repaint sign. CG – Council have had a contact for similar work in past. GG & CG meeting with Mali Kedward (newly appointed volunteer liaison officer – see item 4.2 below) on 5th Feb, so will discuss sign and renovation of railings. Missing bench adjacent to bandstand: CG – no communication/action from council since November. No process for re-reporting via 'Report It' apart from requesting 'alerts' when action taken. Will add to list to discuss with Mali re. who to contact. Artefacts from fallen Holm Oak: Pre-Christmas promotion resulted in zero sales. Promoting use of bandstand by musicians as rehearsal space: CR will post info and photos through local channels and social media e.g. Next Door, in Spring. No Mow May: Will discuss with Mali whether Parks could alter cutting regime in 'Hooper's Loop'. HPF gardening group keen to meet Colin Hall at Parks to discuss. Information re Report It process for fly tipping: CG has posted in Notice boards encouraging public to use this service. Lloyds Bank/QR code for donations: GG investigating. Friends of Newbridge have installed one on their website for donations which works well. GG hopes it could be used for paying Membership subscription too if flexible enough. Service costs comprise a one-off joining fee of £50 and a per-transaction fee of 1.6%. All agreed worth the cost and should improve membership process. Bath Green Spaces Network: WhatsApp group more active now with exchange of ideas. The network will benefit from Mali's support. NT suggested setting up a WhatsApp group for the HPF Committee. All agreed.	CG & GG CG CR, GG GG GG to follow up & implement GG to set up

2. Minutes Meeting No.2 Matters arising cont.	CR & EV to be added to HPF Gardeners' WhatsApp group. GG to add information on how to join WhatsApp group to Gardening dates in noticeboard & website. London Road Planter relocation to HP: No further information from Councillor Oli Henman. Await decision. Planned tree maintenance work in progress: EV requested if team could remove debris from roof of bandstand.	GG CG to follow up with tree surgeons
3. Updates	3.1 News: Anti-social behaviour and drug dealing in HP: Police are fully aware of local residents' concerns and have taken some action, but this is likely to be ongoing. 3.2 Treasurer's Report: Current balance £3,347.05 from subscriptions and additional donations. NP's book on Hedgemead Park now in profit - £147. Will review whether further print run needed. Overall loss of £83 on Holm Oak artefacts. GG will not promote/advertise again as no new or different items to offer, but they will continue to be available via website.	NT monitoring
4. Discussion topics	4.1 Membership drive: GG and EV have worked on A5 sized flier for letter box drop at the end of March. Agreed minor changes in wording. EV's phone number to be included for those who want to join but do not use online services. GG to include QR code once the Lloyds Bank service is activated and organise print run of 1000 copies of the flier. Use last year's road list for distribution, committee members to do deliveries, plus check with other Friends who offered help in the past. Local Nursery – Now part of a chain. Visit to ask if any parents would be interested in supporting HPF as nursery use park most days during spring/summer 4.2 New Parks Volunteer Liaison Officer: Mali Kedward appointed to work 3 days per week. Mali is known to HPF through her work with Your Parks and also supervises a gardening group in Sydney Gardens. She is warmly welcomed in her new role! 4.3 2025 AGM and election of committee members: All current committee members willing to serve for another year. Any additional members would be welcome. Suggested date for AGM – Wednesday May 7th at 6.30pm in St Swithin's Crypt. GG feels AGM needs change in format and will consider how to make it less formal. Date of next committee meeting: early July – Doodle poll nearer time. Meeting closed at 19.30	GG to prepare final flier for print CG & GG to draw up distribution plan EV & CR to visit All to consider other potential committee members