

Friends of Cheam Park

Minutes of the meeting held
on 26th July 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Alan Piddington,
David Stephens
Diane Stephens
Colin Peel
Ian Berry
Holly Ramsey

Apologies: Sue Desborough
Adriana Stringer
David Stemp

1. Minutes

The minutes of the committee meeting held on 7th June 2016 and the open meeting held on 11th July were agreed.

2. Matters arising

These will be discussed under the next items

3. Bank Account

David Stephens has spoken to John Baird who was the treasurer, and signatory, at some point of the previous Friends of Cheam Park group. Misdaq Zaidi, who had at some point offered to help with the finance history of the previous group, has since said he had no knowledge of it.

We understand that we can access the previous account at the bank by going with a copy of the confirmation e-mail from the council recognizing our constitution (this was from Dominic Aslangul to Mary Burstow dated 2nd September 2015).

During the meeting John Baird came to speak to David Stephens and told him that the account has been re-activated and that a new mandate should come through shortly. The account cannot be operated in Sutton. It will be a community account .

It was agreed that the signatories should be any 2 of 3 named committee members, to be agreed.

4. Membership

We have a potential 64 members. Diane will send membership forms to those on the original list as this will explain that they are giving their permission for their names to be added to the FoCP database. It will also confirm that, at present, there is no membership fee.

5. Future actions

Mary has sent an e-mail to Dominic Aslangul suggesting various pieces of equipment for the park . If there was a Trim Trail money would come from the public realm, we are waiting to see if we have the funding. Ian questioned if it was a good use of money.

A skateboard park had also been suggested but it was thought that it could bring more problems to the park.

Football nets the other side of the play park could have problems during wet months.

These suggestions are still being discussed by the council, but we discussed actually asking young people what they would like/use.

Ian suggested going back to those on the membership list for ideas of what 'activities' we should have in the park.

Most of the 'Do Not Park' notices have disappeared and we talked about more permanent alternatives such as logs etc to prevent people from driving over the grass as they do at the moment.. Holly will follow this up.

Colin asked if we should piggyback Nonsuch News. Ian said it has a life of its' own. Holly said it is a good place to generate ideas.

Diane suggested we have a FoCP notice board in the park and Holly said that she will make enquiries about it maybe having 2.

6. AOB

Johnathon Pritchard has set up a Cheam Park website – Cheampark.org.uk . Mary has suggested that he be co-opted onto the committee but we currently do not have a vacancy and the committee is working well.

Ian will write to Mary Morrissey, Director for Resources, and Jill Whitehead at Sutton Council saying that submitted for perusal and go back to the undertakings given to Tudor Close residents that they would be listened to if there were proposals to use Cheam Park depot as a multi-site. They were not listened to.

Ian went to a council meeting concerning this matter on 27th June but although Jill was aware that Ian was there she took no notice of him.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm, 22nd September