

**Minutes of FoHP
7.30, 7th October 2017**

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| 1 | Present : HF, IC, MB, EJ, ET, IH: Apologies: DC, JV, SmcC, TS | |
| 2 | Minutes: No amendments | |
| 2.1 | Matters Arising: Social to be joined with PERA on the 10 th . | |
| 3 | Report from the Chair: Bat Walk | |
| 3.1 | An excellent Bat Walk was led by Avon Wildlife and Jeremy Dymond and accompanied by some 20 people. Weather determined the talk was held in the back room of the Pulteney Arms (many thanks for the arrangements) and the drizzle held off as we went round with numerous bat detectors. Plenty of bats were found probably both species of pipistrelle. None were found over the pond in the Memorial garden but plenty round the trees. HF to send note of thanks to Jeremy who attended out of hours | HF |
| 3.2 | After a meeting with the Recreation Ground Trust they are not willing to alter their notice regarding dogs, but he did offer helpful advice on our options for drug dealers and rough sleepers. HF has requested a summary | HF |
| 4 | Finance Report: ICC | |
| 4.1 | The account now contains £2723 (AWT have sent an invoice for £300 for the May event | |
| 4.2 | The Bank account has been opened with Santander | HF/IC |
| 4.3 | Bat walk to cost £100 | |
| 5 | Membership: IH | |
| 5.1 | Membership currently stands at 78 paid up members. | |
| 5.2 | Membership renewal date to be 1.10.17. Note to be sent out to membership for information. It was agreed that those who had joined after 1 st July 2017 will not be asked to pay again. | IH |
| 5.3 | A “membership renewal desk” could also be set up at the proposed Autumn Social which we propose to combine with the PERA Social, 10 th October. | IH |
| 5.4 | Membership form to be added to the web site, mailed with the direct debit option and reminders to go on the Newsletter, together with volunteer requests for the relevant tasks | IH, HF, Ton |
| 6. | Council Liaison : MB | |
| 6.1 | There will be a second (unannounced) visit from the Green Flag judges. Find out what details we can. | MB |
| 6.2 | Gardening Staff rotas and Memorial Gardens work plans on hold. MB to pursue | MB |
| 6.3 | Defensive planting in the gap in hedge in the Mews near Sunderland Street | MB |

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| | has been agreed for the Autumn (November onwards). Council to provide holly bushes for the gap, FoHP volunteers to provide the labour. We need to set a target date. This and 6.4 MB to pursue | |
| 6.4 | Preventative planting behind the old Henrietta Villas gate to the Memorial Garden – the Council have been made aware of this need and will provide suitable plants. | MB |
| 6.5 | Painting of the gate in the Meorial Garden: paints received, gate prepared, 2 volunteers to be organised. | MB |
| 6.6 | Forester plaque : Possibility of moving is to be explored by Council (Jeremy D.) | MB |
| 6.7 | The flagpole has not been progressed by the council. An apparently unused flagpole is on Kensington Meadows which could be moved. | MB |
| 6.8 | Repainting of Railings: this needs to be coordinated with the clearing back of shrubs this autumn followed by cleaning of railings by Community Payback or us. | MB |
| 6.9 | Jane Robson still to arrange new litter bins. MB to pursue | MB |
| 6.10 | Restoration of water fountain. Ownership of the Wall must be established before we can proceed with restoration. Permission to cut yew away from fountain for emphasis to be sought. Gargoyle will be selected by the committee | DC, MB |
| 6.11 | Sunderland Street entrance : November date to be organised | HF |
| 6.12 | Henrietta Road top entrance: permission granted for general clear out of shrubbery to be replaced by woodland planting . Committee to consider options, ET to coordinate. Shrubs are beautifully scented so reassessment of plan necessary. A project for 2018. Jane Robson to be kept informed | ET |
| 6.13 | Green Flag as lever – recommendation that entrances should be welcoming. | |
| 6.14 | Noticeboards. Decided that we should have a small, relatively cheap noticeboard for notices, and a smarter information board for Trees, history, wildlife etc., situated near the <i>Ailanthus</i> as previously agreed. The latter will be expensive and will need fundraising in some form (single sponsor preferred). Iron Art to be checked out as the example in the Parade Gardens was suitable. | ALL |
| 6.15 | New Seats: The increased cost - £1400 for 5 years is putting people off. | |
| 6.16 | Seat Repair : No action yet | MB |
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| 7: | Rough Sleepers, Revellers and Drugs | |
| 7.1 | We should continue to report sleepers even though the Council and police seem unwilling to help. Contacting the police is preferred. Contacting Caroline Browning, manager at the Villa, may result in more action by the police. Revellers were in the Garden on Saturday and again on Thursday, the latter with a lot of rubbish and broken glass. This was not cleared by 12.30 Friday morning. | All, MB |
| 7.2 | Info to be obtained from John Flinn, Rec Trust | HF |
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| 8 | Dumping in the Compound | |
| 8.1 | Local homeowners have been dumping garden and household refuse in the compound. Wildlife Cameras suitably situated to be investigated and the council consulted | HF, MB |
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| 9 | Bat and Bird Boxes: | |
| 9.1 | No sponsorship has appeared | HF |
| 9.2 | Reminder in the next Newsletter together with instructions for construction | HF |
| 9.3 | Possibility of making it a simple schools woodworking project to be investigated. | HF |
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| 10 | Gardening Projects. | |
| 10.1 | Street side environment not Colin's priority and the pavement along Henrietta Mews and Henrietta Road is becoming dangerously overgrown. With the council's permission we can target this as an activity led by a committee member during the winter. Material to be put in the stick stacks or in the compound. | MB |
| 10.2 | Areas for future gardening organised for teams - Loos to Henrietta Street and to Henrietta Villas entrance, Henrietta villas to the Henrietta road entrance and just into Henrietta Gardens. Pulteney Arms entrance to Sunderland Street. Sunderland Street to Loos. Memorial Gardens needs more specialist coordination with the council leading. Teams to be lead by a committee member and organised in gardening sessions 10-12 on a specified (first, last) Sunday in each month. | ALL |
| 10.3 | Easy targets for removal : 1: Bindweed, 2: Ash, 3: Sycamore, 4: Nettles, 5: Brambles, Elder. Loppers and secateurs. MB to seek permission from council. | MB |
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| 11 | Newsletter to go out in Mid-November | HF |
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| 12 | AGM confirmed on Tuesday Feb 6, Kaposvar room if possible. HF to contact Peter Turner for arrangements (enquire about nibbles and drinks) | HF |
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| 13 | Reminder to all to put in volunteer Hours. | |
| 11 | Next Meeting : Tuesday, Dec 5, 7.30, Venue to be announced. | |