

**Minutes of FoHP
7 pm, 1 April 2019**

1	Present : IC, HF, IH, SM, ET, JV, JE	
	Apologies: PW	
	New Committee Members: Jean Evans and Peter Wallis were welcomed to the committee.	
2	Minutes: Approved	
2.1	Matters Arising:	
	Defensive planting : Holly needs to be replaced (Henrietta Mews) as only 1 has survived. (see 8.2 below)	
3	From the Chair	
3.1	Web site is being updated and extant minutes are up	
3.1.1	Tree Plan: to be uploaded and access to the database	HF, ET
3.1.2	Pictures for the photographic competition and database access will be sorted	HF
3.1.3	Shop site : for selling posters, trails cushions etc.; to be investigated	HF
3.2	Planting	
3.2.1	Woodland : Generally successful – Primulas, violets, Narcissi, Snowdrops and Euphorbia all flowering. Bluebells appearing. Hellebores and Irises established. Anemones seem to have failed.	
3.2.2	Elsewhere: Crocuses have not appeared (out of 6 packets) round the trees, one fritillary has flowered (in the Memorial Garden, subsequently mown). The Rowan tree seems to have established (Sunderland Street Entrance, donated with thanks by Hector.	
3.3	Council activity	
3.3.1	Laurels: Council have done sterling work and removed the overgrown aurels and taken out most of the roots. We await topsoil and replanting (see below)	
3.3.2	Trellis: Pruning by council completed. We probably have no need to worry about the timing of the pruning as the rose (Kiftsgate) is very vigorous.	
3.3.3	First Mow: Council have mown, including the wild garlic beds. (Thanks Paul)	
3.4	Regular Gardening Days: This seems to be getting more and more successful. A good stick pick, with 4 of us, and the remainder completing the snowberry bed clearance and replanting the snowdrops around the garden entrance. Excellent work all round and thanks very much. A member has asked if he could concentrate on the Northern End. This revives IH's proposal of dividing the garden up into areas which particular groups/pairs of people can concentrate on. Should we have gardening events?	ALL
3.5	Drug Use and Loos: This continues to be a sporadic problem with Healthmatic coming round up to 3 times a day. Continue to report where we can.	
4	Treasurer's Report: ICC	
4.1	Balance: (£2992.83 at AGM 2019) April 1, 2019:	£2938.9
		Receipts
	Subs received :	£45.00

	Posters Sold (1)	£10.00	
	Tree Trails Sold (1)	£2.00	
	Anonymous donation	£10.00	
	Total	£67.00	
	Expenditure		
	Posters for AGM and Velcro	£35.97	
	Henrietta Park Cushions (one for Mayveen)	£75.60	
	Flowers for Mayveen	£10.00	
	Total	£121.57	
	Net:	(£54.57)	
5	Membership: IH		
5.1	IH reported that we have 94 members. ICC and IH to compile definitive list		ICC, IH
5.2	Membership form is to be put on the web site. Reminder to be sent out with alternative methods of payment outlined.		HF
6.	Council Liaison : ICC		
6.1	Friends Groups Meeting: Jeremy Dymond and Council hosted a meeting for the various Friends groups in their jurisdiction. The outcome was a consolidation of the process and procedures in various forms which have been circulated to the Committee. We already conform to most of these and will pay attention to any changes.		
6.2	Pond: The pond is a priority and the council are aware of its state		
6.2.1	Pond Plants: more have been ordered by the parks department. Ask for barley bales.		
6.2.2	Water Level: HF has spent 2 hours filling it up. IH points out that supplying hard water will not be the best thing, however, we do not have a source of rain water to hand. ICC to comment to the team		ICC
6.2.3	Pond Pumps and Fountain: Not currently working and when cleaned and in action, the filters will need to be cleaned on a daily basis. The council have a manhole cover lifting apparatus in the compound.. JD will investigate		JD
6.3	Gardening Calendar: for the park, and assign tasks to teams throughout the year still to be planned. Base this on Jane Robson's schedule for 2019.		
6.4	Current Priorities: gardening programme continuing with parks department cooperation. Improve coordination between us and the council.		HF
6.4.1	Hedge trimming away from railings : No answer from council as yet		
6.4.2	Noticeboard. Rear surface needs painting, JD has primer and paint, HF to collect.		ICC
6.4.3	Gardeners compound: We been allotted space in the enclosure. Could we erect a shed or a small toolbox? The gardeners will clear out the sheds at some point in the future and access will be discussed then. Not a priority for the gardeners but it is for us.		HF
6.4.4	Welcome Notice Board: Tree plan in place (MB to thank JD). Agreed to put tree trail and “for sale” note to be inserted.		ICC

7	Park Furniture :	IH
7.1	Sundial base and bird bath have been found and will be restored when appropriate.	IH
7.2	Water fountain project : IH pursuing	IH
7.3	Gargoyle David Carr HF, to arrange a visit to see gargoyle in place	HF
8	Gardening :	
8.1	Purchase of Tools: 3 more grass rakes. 2 wide brooms, 2 Secateurs and gloves approved. If we have access to a tool shed then we could also get a wheelbarrow, as moving the prunings is more time consuming than producing them.	
8.2	Replacement Holly: Several have died and we can take seedlings from elsewhere in the park. They will need watering.	
8.3	Roses: Erica Jones has offered to buy more roses. We are most grateful for this and will put it to the council	IC
8.4	General pruning: shaping the bushes on the Henrietta mews side has made a noticeable difference and we will continue with this round the rest of the park	
8.5	The Northern stretch : along Henrietta road is in need of a sort out.	
9	Further Activities	
9.1	Open Day: Tentatively for Sunday June 23. To include food, drink, history, science, plant sale, junior activities (seed balls) etc. HF to collate ideas. SM to coordinate	HF, SM
9.2	Syrian Food: IH to make contact regarding the possibility	IH
9.3	Eid: can we make better contact?	
10	Reminder to all to put in volunteer hours.	ALL
11	AOB	
11.1	Heritage lottery funded projects : HF to contact IH and Tony Crouch and BANES World Heritage committee for project support for noticeboards, trails, water fountains as part of Spas of Europe project.	HF IH
11.2	Duplicate signs : Can we move these and tidy the entrances up ?	
12	Next Meeting : Monday 3 June. IH, 7 pm	