

# FRIENDS OF MARKFIELD PARK

## FOMP Meeting Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 6.30pm-8.00pm at the Pavilion, Markfield Park

**Present:** Ken Brereton (Chair), Sian Harrington (HLF Monitoring Officer), Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore Community School teacher & local resident); Charles Muganyi (resident); Aysin (Café Pistachio's representative); Michael Bury (BTCV), Paul Keenan (Park View Rangers FC, Tyrone McKay (Higher Heights FC), Jamie Lees (Haringey Sports Development Officer), Martin Hall (Senior Project Officer) Haringey Council

**Apologies:** Deborah Cawkwell (FOMP Webmaster); Nadine Fraser; Fred Clark (MBeam Museum trustee and FOMP); Sylvia Hurtado, local resident, Sonia & Abed (Pistachios Café)

### Agree minutes

Last minutes of 5<sup>th</sup> Dec. passed with one amendment: spelling correction Woodbury 'Down' should read 'Woodberry Down'.

### Winter Celebration Event 2011

A very cold day went very well and raised £137.57 for the Park though costs meant the day ran at a deficit. The Woodside Baptist Church raised £170 for their organisation. Ken informed that the Markfield Museum steam took £70 on the day but the cost of steaming was £200 and this needs to be considered for future events.

The accounts for the event as prepared by the FoMP treasurer are as follows:

#### Christmas fare 2011 Account

	Income	Expenditure
existing funds	223.00	
total made on day	137.57	
<b>total funds</b>	<b>360.57</b>	
heater		157.97
face painter		40.00

£30 will be refundable

licence		21.00
santa presents		50.00
<b>total expended</b>		<b>268.97</b>
Balance post event	<b>91.60</b>	
in account	25.00	
<b>total funds</b>	<b>116.60</b>	
Money due Heater refund		30.00

### **Making the Difference award spend**

- Agreed to split £5,000 award £1,000 to BTCV for Healing Garden and £4,000 for Table Tennis (£2445 Table, £1600 ground preparation)

The Table Tennis works are complete. The reinforced playing areas are covered to try re-establish the grass. The supplier donated a number of bats and balls and these are with the Café.

BTCV work on Healing Garden progressing, Parks to source a bin as agreed.

### **Park Facilities**

#### Pavilion improvements

- The shower area floors have been re-profiled to keep the water in the shower and not run into the changing rooms.
- The floors have been painted with a non-slip material and skirting added to make the cleaning easier and to reduce slips and falls by users. The staff area has been fitted with new flooring to improve comfort, hygiene and cleaning.
- Booking – it was agreed at the Sports Meeting that all bookings for pitches and the Pavilion Social area need to be co-ordinated to ascertain when available and to avoid double bookings. Sian reminded the group that the funding to improve the pavilion was for the benefit of all park users / groups and not just Sports Groups.
- **Booking Contact details: Bridget Badoe McQuick 020 8489 1414. email. [Bridget.badoemcquick@haringey.gov.uk](mailto:Bridget.badoemcquick@haringey.gov.uk)**
- A weekly schedule of activities and matches relating to the pavilion, pitches and bowls green will be posted. A new information notice-case for the Pavilion will be needed.

#### Football pitches

- Several tons of sand and top soil has made two pitches playable for junior club football. Lines are marked and new goals put in place. A mini-soccer pitch is being added and this pitch will be improved with levelling in the Spring.

- The former artificial pitch re-laid to grass is not in use. The area has suffered from a very large number of stones rising to the surface indicating that the specification may not have been followed. Unfortunately the responsible contractor is in administration and funds need to be raised in order to bring the pitch back into use.

#### The MUGA

- 4 baskets have been added to the MUGA. These were transferred from Ducketts Common N8 where the backboards and rings are only 2 years old. Ideally, some courts markings are needed to aid learning.
- One side of the floodlights is not working MH has reported this to LBH lighting section.
- A new lighting control panel is needed to automatically switch on the lights at dusk and turn them off at 10pm. Priced awaited.

#### Park Lighting

Several lights have been reported not working. Post meeting MH made a check and found 7 lamps off. This has been re-reported to LBH lighting section. These are: 474B, 475B, 476B, 463B, 4645B, 467B & 468B. All these are on paths from the Crowland gate to the River and to Markfield Rd entrances.

#### Additional Café lighting

A request for additional lighting to be fixed to the café and to run from dusk to dawn has been requested by the Café. Prices awaited.

#### Broken Playground gate

There has been a broken gate (removed) on the Children's playground. The Haringey Play Officer (Ronnie Roache tel. 8489 5601) is aware and is seeking its repair and re-fitting. Please feel free to contact Ronnie should any playground issues arise.

#### Tree Roots

An area was identified as having tree roots exposed, a potential trip hazard. Taner to check the Park and list all for future action.

#### Car Parking

All car parking bays by the Markfield Project and Museum are marked as disabled. Though there is no enforcement unless specifically requested, this is an error and Frank Hunt (Park Manager) has agreed that those bays serving the Café and Museum will be greyed out by the contractor responsible.

### **Reports / updates / news / Volunteering hours for Jan & Feb 2012.**

Museum – Steaming dates – 9<sup>th</sup> April, 9<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> June, 17<sup>th</sup> June plus Model Engineering display, 15<sup>th</sup> July plus Classic Car Day, 27<sup>th</sup> August, 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

In addition, on either 29th July or 5<sup>th</sup> August a ‘Steam Punk Day’ is proposed with Market Stalls in a Markfield Project room(entry fees apply). Victorian sci-fi.

Sports – Sports Meeting Report held 8<sup>th</sup> March 5-6.30 and chaired by Haringey Sports Development Team member Jamie Lees. This first meeting to discuss access and progress and how this might work was attended by Gladesmore School, Markfield Bowls Club and Park View Rangers FC and Higher Heights FC. See minutes attached.

BTCV – Haringey Young offenders Team are supplying volunteers to assist in the work to create the Healing Garden. – Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks. BTCV asked whether Gladesmore School would be interested in collaborating on a project within the Park. School felt this could be considered but the curriculum is planned a year in advance.

On a general point should Friends wish to volunteer to undertake any conservation / horticultural work in the park then Community tools are stored in the Pavilion. Contact Michael Bury at BTCV and he will advise.

The ‘Green Gym’ commences 2.30pm to 2.30pm every Thursday from 15<sup>th</sup> March. This consists of a warm-up at the beginning, a cool-down stretch at the end with gardening in between.

Walking Group  
TBA

Gladesmore School – Maggie informed the group that the Headteacher wishes to discuss the future management of the Pavilion with LBH and a meeting is to be set up between School and the Head of Leisure Commissioning Paul Ely.  
Added 4<sup>th</sup> April: First exploratory meeting has now taken place

Volunteering

This is a best estimate of the number of local residents who voluntarily give their time and effort into promoting activity in Markfield Park and these contributions need to be recognised.

I would ask all our contributors to keep a little personal note of the time they give to the Park. It is not mandatory and it is not a competition, but it is valued.

<b>Volunteering</b>	<b>Jan 2012</b>		<b>Feb 2012</b>	
	<b>People</b>	<b>Hours</b>	<b>People</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Bowls Club	3	60	3	60
BTCV	6	9	12	9.75
Café	1	20	1	20
FoMP	5	20	5	20
Football teams	2	6	2	12
Jogging Group	1	8	1	8
Museum	5	200	5	200

Walking Group	1	8	1	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>337.75</b>

### **Future Events / Fundraisers.**

As a number of Friends were unable to make the meeting, this section remains open to pick up at the next meeting. Please see Ken's dates for Steamings above.

### **AOB**

Charles reports there is offensive graffiti

within the BMX/Skatepark. Could this be addressed? MH to pass to Park Operations.

BTCV reports graffiti

on the path leading to the Healing Garden. Can this be removed? MH to pass to Parks Operations.

Odour / Flooding issues in Markfield

Charles commented that there can be an odour near the MUGA.

The odour comes from the culverted stream(s) that pass through the park before discharging into the Lea. It is known that rogue plumbing, mainly dishwashers, have been misconnected to storm drains instead of foul drains. In addition, a good number of the ceramic stoppers that divide foul and storm drains in properties are missing. Should a foul drain become blocked then a back-up can lead to sewage entering the storm drain system. This of course applies throughout UK.

Markfield Park is on a flood plain. Should the River Lea burst its banks it is designed to save the area's infrastructure by flooding Markfield Park.

We have incidents once every 2 years where prolonged heavy rain can lead to the inspection covers on the culverted stream blowing off under pressure and water entering the Park. This water ends up at the lowest point, which since redevelopment appears to be the Picnic Area. Thames Water is quick to respond and pump out waste water within hours of being informed. Thus the health risk is minimal and perhaps no more than caused by dog poo. However, in the longer term it is proposed to consider moving the picnic area towards the River near the café.

Museum - there is a question of whether the fire alarm system is connected to a call centre (red care line). MH to investigate and visit the Museum with Ken to look at the system. Added 4<sup>th</sup> April: engineer has visited with Museum, report awaited.

### Olympics

Maggie informs that there is a Barge Service proposed to take visitors the scenic route to the Olympics. No confirmed details or pick up points yet.

### Housing of Games Security Personnel

Aysin informed that the Café had received an approach from a Security Contractor with a view to housing Security Personnel on the grass at Markfield for a period covering the London 2012 Games. This has been forwarded to Haringey's Head of

Leisure. There was a brief exchange on the feasibility / impact / financial benefit, but without firm numbers or other financial detail on the proposal, the matter remains as an enquiry with senior Council Officers.

**Next meeting** – Either Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April