

FRIENDS OF MARKFIELD PARK

**FOMP Meeting Tuesday 10th September 2013
6.30pm- 8.00pm at the Café**

Present: Ken Brereton (Chair), Dr Fred Clark (MBeam Museum trustee and FOMP), Abed (Pistachios Café), Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore Community School teacher & local resident); Martin Hall (Commissioning Officer) Haringey Council, Nadine Fraser (local resident), Sylvia Hurtado (local resident and Markfield Project rep), Pauline Syddall (Met Police Safer Neighbourhoods), Matabur Rahman (Met Police Safer Neighbourhoods)

Apologies: Charles Muganyi (resident), Tom (Gladesmore Residents Action Group)

Distribution list: Deborah Cawkwell (FOMP Webmaster Sian Harrington (HLF Monitoring Officer), Frank Hunt (East Area Park Manager), Aysin (Café Pistachio's representative), Sarah Miller (Markfield Project), Steve Hall (Parks Neighbourhood Area Officer), Jamie Lees (Haringey Sports Development Officer), Michael Bury (TCV), Saffy Lawton (Markfield Project), Paul Ely (Head of Haringey Commissioning), Tom (GRAG), Angela Baker

ACTION

Introductions –

Apologies

Charles Muganyi, Jon (Gladesmore Residents Action Group)
[both emails received but not seen till post meeting]

Agree minutes

Last minutes of 4th June accepted (bar spelling error in Saffy's name - apologies! Type error on p4 - all corrected

Community Safety - Pauline Syddell and Matabur Rahman Met Police Safer Neighbourhood Team

Matabur informs that there will be a number of people praying on the bank of the River Lea during the upcoming Jewish High Holidays Sept 13,14 (Yom Kippur), 18,19,20,25 (Sukkot), 26,27 (Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah)

Pauline explained her role promoting and communication with the local Neighbourhood Watches with its 19,000 members across Haringey, encouraging them to visit and include their local parks as part of their watch. Promotional packs are available and several handed out to FoMP.

Crime in the park in general is low, no issues on the skatepark and anti-social behaviour near the garden areas reduced through visiting.

Reported crime stats for Markfield were appraised. Of the 13 reported Jan-Aug 2013, most were for theft, robbery or assault and more likely to involve young people as victims.

One serious crime was a gang related 4.00am shooting.

Long awaited outstanding path lighting connection to power effected.

Abed complained about his staff receiving verbal abuse on locking up the cafe. Pauline strongly recommended this and all incidents be reported either as a 999 or 101 (non-urgent call) as appropriate. Also occasional motorbike / scooters driven through the park – some joy riding, some thought short cutting.

Future Events / Fundraiser Ideas

- Markfield Food & Artisan Market – Proposal from Ms Puja Khanna Project, Museum and Friends all contacted by (at request of Haringey Events Officer later established). All groups in favour, application forms have gone out. Estimated 10 stalls to be located on concrete path leading to the River by the mound - meets with groups' approval.

Reports/ Updates

Bowls Club - no feedback

Pavilion – a number of minor maintenance issues to be addressed via Corporate Property Services who now maintain the building MH to check progress

Football – new season - 2 clubs fielding 12 teams (u7's to adults.) Pitches Improving.

Added – Stony pitch: offer made by Contractor to carry out some remedial works, Parks Ops to consider if works sufficient to make pitch playable.

Markfield Project – no news

TCV - on 15/08 our volunteers created a new herbal garden outside the Markfield Youth Centre, digging over and preparing the bed. We

MH

MH/PE

<p>then worked with children from the centre to plant a variety of herb plants, which the centre and children have agreed to maintain (report received via Deborah from Michael Bury.)</p>	
<p>Café - Historic Pistachios Cafe franchisee Abed reports that following negotiations between the Council, Pistachios and himself, that he is now the proprietor of the newly named <u>Markfield Cafe</u>. Pistachios are no longer involved. This allows for much improved flexibility in product purchasing, menu and pricing. Abed acknowledges that without Pistachios he would not be involved at all.</p>	MH
<p>Museum – Posters for cafe with steaming times on Sept 21, 22 - last this year. Museum open days continue every 2nd Sunday. 10th October video –link set up with Lisbon. Funding application commenced to make basement viewing of beam engine more visible and thus more appealing to visitors.</p>	MH
<p>Gladesmore School Dogs mess still a health issue and being trod into School. School premises staff having to remove deposits on paths. Friends offer to use their own funds to stencil painted path sign in key places as noted in other parks. MH to pass suggestion to Park Client Simon Farrow for consideration.</p>	MH
<p>Matters outstanding</p>	MH
<p><u>FoMP Constitution</u> – needs some updating Ken to send copies for consideration - no progress report on this</p>	
<p><u>Second visit to MUGA lighting</u> with Haringey Street lighting and Volker (Term contractor) - one side of the array is not lighting and one lamp from the working side is missing. Also there is a desire to change the operating pillar so that lights operate automatically from dusk to 10pm daily. Current equipment allows lights to be operated all night. Agreed for Parks Client to pay for this. Still not working 10/09/2013 due to change to new lighting contractor</p>	MH
<p><u>Roof of Museum</u> – loose tiles to be investigated by Corporate Property Services (CPS) via Leisure Services Client Manager thought not to have been replaced. Martin to chase lack of feedback.</p>	PE
<p><u>Museum fire alarm sounders</u> yet to be resolved (they sound when steam raised). Paul Ely pressing NPS Ltd to resolve with alternative sensors.</p>	
<p><u>Picnic Area</u> - ‘Dog Free Area’ signage confusing to those with English as 2nd</p>	

language ie the dog is free to enter area!?!)

CTV - owed one waste bin for Herbal Garden.

AOB - Matters Arising

Park Lighting

Added: One lamp noted off by school entrance Crowland Rd to be reported.

Shortage of notice-boards. The Group feel that the park needs at least two more - Nadine wrote to Head of Leisure John Morris and Simon Farrow. Letter acknowledged 11/09/2013. 2 notice boards agreed to be provided. One recalled to go outside Pavilion.

Daffodils cut down along riverside path. If bulbs offered this year accept all and group will plant.

Next meeting – Tuesday 12th November 2013 at the Markfield Cafe
(Abed to confirm) - 6.00 – 7.30pm