

FRIENDS OF MARKFIELD PARK

**FOMP Meeting Tuesday 19th November 2013
6.00pm- 7.30pm at the Café**

Present: Ken Brereton (Chair), Dr Fred Clark (MBeam Museum trustee and FOMP), Abed (Markfield Café), Maggie Hulson (Gladesmore Community School teacher & local resident), Charles Mugenyi (resident), Nadine Fraser (local resident), Deborah Cawkwell (FOMP Webmaster), Martin Hall (Commissioning Officer) Haringey Council

Distribution list: Sian Harrington (HLF Monitoring Officer), Frank Hunt (East Area Park Manager), Sarah Miller (Markfield Project), Steve Hall (Parks Neighbourhood Area Officer), Jamie Lees (Haringey Sports Development Officer), (TCV), Saffy Lawton (Markfield Project), Paul Ely (Head of Haringey Commissioning), (GRAG), Simon Farrow (Head of Client Services)

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<p>Introductions –</p> <p>Apologies - Sylvia Hurtado (local resident and Markfield Project rep), Tom (Gladesmore Residents Action Group), Pauline Syddall (Met Police Safer Neighbourhoods)</p> <p>Agree minutes Last minutes of 10th September accepted, 1 change - all refs to cafe should read Markfield Cafe not Pistachios</p> <p>Future Events / Fundraiser Ideas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Marc and Jenny (POST Artists Group) planning art event on the canal from Markfield up to Stonebridge Lock. The group is in touch with Landowners and the LBH event officer to look at space to support the event in Markfield. Planned date Bank Holiday weekend 3rd May 2014.• Markfield Food & Artisan Market – Proposal from Ms Puja Khanna cancelled due to costs to be raised from stallholders. MH to look into charges with Licensing.	

Offer of 30cm saplings/whips to create new hedgerow, LBH tree officer Ok with planting along River. MH pointed out that this area had been cleared to join the towpath to park and make the area more visible. MH to discuss with Ian Holt (Nature Conservation Officer) and inform Parks Ops for opinion

Added: IH suggested short stretches with key gaps in maintain joined up to River look. MH to ask for Park Operations view.

Reports/ Updates

Bowls Club - no feedback

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

Football – 2 clubs fielding 10 teams (u7's to adults.) Pitches improving.
- MH to ask Jamie Lees to provide contacts for football and idea of training / match programme to be added to Web page and to new Park notice boards. (Send both to Deborah and Nadine)

Added – Stony pitch: latest offer mid Nov made by Contractor to carry out some remedial works, to be looked into.

Markfield Project – no news

TCV - Now Michael Bury has left TCV our new contact at is yet to be advised.

Markfield Café – tree that fell across & blocking towpath led to youths robbing an older woman, all caught on Cafe CCTV –thanks be to Abed

- Abed asked when lamppost felled in storm will be re-erected. Parks have reported to Property Services and LBH lighting team
- 14th December Christmas Carol singing in cafe all day.
- Abed asks that Parks accept in principle the top slicing of the bank in front of the cafe. Local company 'Donovans' will assist, need a digger to load trucks. It was suggested a direct approach by FoMP writing to Simon Farrow.

Museum – Winding down to Winter, Museum keen to work in parallel with POST artist's event.

- More tiles came off in storm Ken has reported to Property Services as has Parks Ops.
- Still some question as to cherry picker access to roof (bollards).
- Ken will look at funding opportunities to assist in paying for the

top slicing as Museum Beam Engine also hidden from view by mounding.

Gladesmore School – The Headteacher acknowledges new Dog fouling warning notices – time will tell whether these make a difference.

- Some support for 'name and shame' approach.

General – 2 new notice boards – result for Nadine, MH to provide key. Nadine will embark on poster production as time allows.

- 1000 Daffodils bulbs planted. Nadine to map these and last years as they appear in Spring. Deborah may have pics of 2012 display.
- Map of fallen trees and crushed railing thought a good idea for on-going park history – *unsure of who is doing this?*
- Local police area restructure hoped to result in a more regular presence in the Park .

Matters outstanding

FoMP Constitution – needs some updating Ken to send copies for consideration - **no progress report on this**

Second visit to MUGA lighting 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

Roof of Museum – 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.

Museum fire alarm sounders yet to be resolved (they sound when steam raised). Paul Ely pressing NPS Ltd to resolve with alternative sensors.

Picnic Area - 'Dog Free Area' signage confusing to those with English as 2nd language ie the dog is free to enter area!?!

CTV - owed one waste bin for Herbal Garden.

AOB - Matters Arising

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Next meeting – Tuesday 4th February 2014 at the Markfield Cafe (Abed to confirm) - 6.00 – 7.30pm