

FRIENDS OF MARKFIELD PARK

**FOMP Meeting Tuesday 4th February 2014
6.00pm- 7.00pm 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), Nadine Fraser (local resident), Deborah Cawkwell (FOMP Webmaster), Sylvia Hurtado (local resident and Markfield Project rep), Martin Hall (Commissioning Officer) Haringey Council, Pauline Syddall + 2 (Met Police Safer Neighbourhoods)

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)

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<p>Introductions –</p> <p>Apologies - Charles Mugenyi (resident), Steve Hall (Parks Operations)</p> <p>Agree minutes Last minutes of 19th November accepted</p> <p>Park Safety – Pauline Syddell with PC Chris Watts and PC John Gledhill</p> <p>Following a resident's letter MP David Lammy voicing concern over safety and recent incidents in Markfield Park, the Met Police attended the Friend's meeting with crime reports in Markfield:</p> <p>December 2013 – Loss of handbag left unattended - Robbery</p> <p>January 2014 – Criminal damage to Pavilion – 2 arrests Class C drugs (as a result of investigating pavilion damage)</p>	

- Prior to this
- theft of bike with alleged assault on young man
 - Loss of phone left in bag during football
 - Shooting of man early hours of morning.

Compared to other parks the level of reported crime in Markfield is very low.

Friends stated there were Summer incidents of scooters, motorbikes, quad bikes going through the park.

Added

This is difficult to stop unless key entrances like the 2 park entrances from the River and the Gladesmore Rd entrance have permanent bollards fitted to prevent motorised vehicles passing. These would also stop children's buggies entering unless lifted over. Has been done at Muswell Hill Playing Fields but this was a new entrance.

The Markfield Rd entrance may be addressed by changing the barrier design but this is only effective after the Markfield Project closes (weekdays 10pm) and the pedestrian access is changed by installing a bollard(s).

The Crowland Rd entrance would need a full redesign. This is the busiest access point to the park with students needing to come and go to access their Sports Hall.

Future Events / Fundraiser Ideas

- Hedge planting and fund offer: Stretches where there are gaps can be joined up without dividing park from River
- May Day weekend – POST Artists Event - invite to next meeting in April

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 – poster provided by Jamie Lees, Nadine to fix in Park note cases. Nadine to forward copy to Deborah for web site.

- Stony pitch works agreed, awaiting FREE programme of works from The Landscape Group once rains cease.

Markfield Project – Children in Need (funding awarded)

- Open Access to playground commencing Saturdays 11-3pm
- U5 drop in Thursdays 11.30-2.30pm (funded by Big Lottery)
- Request for LBH to fund signage for Markfield Project by Markfield

- Rd entrance – MP to contact Simon Farrow.
- Nadine asked for posters to advertise new activities

TCV - Our new contact at TCV is Cliff Robertson based at Railway Fields N4. Tel. 8 348 6005

Markfield Café – Parks have accepted in principle the top slicing of the bank in front of the cafe. Local company 'Donovans' will assist, need a digger to load trucks. MH to have soil test carried out.

MH

Museum – Craven Park Church interested in joint event to commemorate start of 1914-18 war.

- Steaming to commence April on Bank Hol Monday 21st April

Gladesmore School – Congratulations to all at Gladesmore for receiving the increasingly rare "**Outstanding**" school after recent OFSTED review.

Matters outstanding

FoMP Constitution – needs some updating Ken to send copies for consideration
Ken distributed copies for comment

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 & Museum fire alarm sounders contractor visits taking place to resolve

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.

Lights out – 452B (near school entrance), 465B main path, lamp post that fell in November storm still missing.

AOB – Solar panels for Museum roof prevented by local planner (listed building)
- Discussion as to economic value of solar panels for a building with irregular power use, (permission granted) and thought a long time for return following investment in hardware, plus falling rates from electricity companies for surplus power produced may make project non-economic at this time, but worth further investigation.

Next meeting – Tuesday 1 st April 2014 at the Markfield Cafe (Abed to confirm) - 6.00 – 7.30pm	
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