



Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 3 December 2009, 7.30pm
at The Ackroyd Community Centre, SE23

Present:- Friends of Blythe Hill Fields members:

Alan Bailey (Chair)
Marcel Jenkins

Kylie Barnes (Secretary)
Ahmed Saced

Nicholas Taylor

Albert Blackmore

Apologies:-

Andrew Barnes
Molly Bertrand

Cllr Sylvia Scott
Carl Hindle

Elizabeth Downie
Sydney Couldridge

Gavin Bolam

1. Welcome and Apologies

Alan Bailey opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the last minutes not covered by tonight's agenda.

Elaine Osborne from Healthy Walks came to the meeting tonight. She works within our ward and is looking for volunteers to train as healthy walk leaders and, also, for a base where walkers might assemble and have use of toilets and, perhaps, drink making facilities. We gave her contact details for the Centre Manager at the Ackroyd and offered to publicise details of her project to our membership.

3. Update on Wildflower Meadows Project

The plug plants were planted on the 17th October. However, it was discovered that some of the plants were being pulled up but they have since been re-planted by Sydney and Albert. Crows are the suspecte – not hoodies! Approximately 30 adults and children attended to plant 350 plug plants on the day. Glendale planted a further 1,050 plants on top of the hill the following weekend.

4. Update on Tree Planting

The trees are now in. 89 have been plated. 10 are being held back for the playground and there is 1 Mulberry Tree still to go in. Tree guards were installed around the most vulnerable trees to protect them from damage. A site meeting was suggested and Darren from Glendale's suggested this happen to see that the work had been carried out satisfactorily. There was mention of come children damaging the trees and they were soundly told off by Harriet Jenkins.

5. Update on Playbuilder / Playground Improvements

The plans have gone to tender. We emphasised that 4 cradle swings should be reinstated. There was mention of the £10,000 funding that we had been allocated for benches and bins but it came to light that this money had in fact been moved into the main playground budget. Martin Hyde has promised to have a close look at this when the work progresses to see what can be done.

6. **Festival 2010**

Yes, a festival will take place in 2010 and the date has been confirmed at Saturday 3 July. £1,000 has been kindly given to us from the Crofton Park Ward Localities Fund. Alan will also make enquiries with Lewisham Arts for further funding.

7. **Any other Business**

An informal hedge clearing session will take place on Saturday the 5th of December. Bring your own shears. And Glendale will support a Planting day on Saturday the 6th Feb 2010.

Trim trail – Elizabeth Downie is looking into ways of sourcing funding for this initiative.

8. **Date of Meetings for 2010**

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

4th February

25th March

13th May (If needed for Festival Planning)

10th June

15th July (If needed for post-festival wrap party)

7th October (AGM)

2nd December

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Blythe Hill Fields (FBHF) exists to represent everyone living around or using Blythe Hill Fields. Our purpose is to achieve sustainable improvements and facilities in this vital resource for the benefit of the whole community. We aim to promote the increased use and enjoyment of this essential open space.