FOBPFriends of Broomfield Park

AGM and Open Meeting

7th October 2019

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Present		
4 councillors - L. Rawlings, D Anderson, D Barry, M Alexan- drou	Committee members -K Lumley, D March, I Evans, E Dobbie, S Cook, S Younger, H Blairman, Z Anwar	
D Williamson	T Clark	D S Honnor
J Prior	Sanjay Mazumder	Julie Rothwell
Geraldine Anwar	Margaret and David Miller	Jan Cruchley

Apologies		
Kate Mabey	Don Arthur	Bambos Charalambous MP,
Cllr Claire Stewart,	G Campbell	

Agenda Item		Ac- tion
Minutes and Matters arising from AGM 2018	Minutes approved 4not24 - links with Council have been established Playground Development Project - has been on hold. Frustration felt at lack of progress with council Wetlands - formal complaint had been made to the planning officer by FoBP and this was upheld, at further Council planning meeting approval was granted for the project. Burger van - change to electric generator has been made.	

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Treasurer's Report	Clearer layout of accounts approved by meeting - figures self-explanatory. FOBP have spent £500 more than was banked. Account is healthy Accounts unanimously approved - Proposer: DH, Seconder ED ZA thanked auditor - Simon	
Election of Officers and Committee members	Kin Lumley (KL) and Chris Kaufman (CK) re-elected as co- chairs and Zahir Anwar (ZA) as Treasurer. Committee members elected en bloc - Sue Younger(SY), Sue Cook(SC), Don Arthur(DA), Kate Mabey(KM), Ivor Evans(IE), David March(DM), Helen Blairman(HB) 2 nominations for new members were unanimously approved - David Williamson(DW) and Elizabeth Dobbie	

Proposed amendment to the Constitution

Proposal that accounts should be amalgamated was unanimously accepted.

Proposal that payments from the FoBP HSBC account could be made by debit card and by electronic transfer with prior approval by two of the approved signatories unanimously accepted. The current signatories are - DM KL ZA IE

Chairman's report

This can be viewed on the website under Friends documents. KL presented the Co-Chairs' Report 2019.

This report summarises the following:

- a *visit to the park* by the Council Leader Cllr. Nesil Caliskan who spoke about the importance of considering inclusivity and diversity in relation to our activities and events. She also suggested contact with new Principal of Capel Manor with a view to linking up with students
- *Events subgroup* which has come out of 4not24 campaign the previous year. Focus has been on events with community involvement and family interest.
- Newly established FoBP website set up by local graphic designer Steve Quinn who continues to give on-going support.
 DW also involved. Website www.friendsofbroomfieldpark.org
 went live in December 2018. It links to the Facebook group and gives a regular on-line newsletter to members.

Action Plan with 5 main priority areas - model boating pond, establishing a management plan with Council for maintenance of garden areas e.g. long border and the new Wetlands, security and protection from antisocial behaviour, restarting dialogue re. children's playground development and gaining council contact, in and out of working ours, for urgent problems.

School/college links

KL outlined numerous visits to park by groups when volunteers from FoBP act as host as guides. Contact established with Capel Manor

Working with young people - year round involvement with a range of groups including Enfield Mencap and Enfield Secondary Behaviour Support Service.

Support for Wetlands in conjunction with Thames 21 and Enfield Council

Support for Broomfield House Trust continues

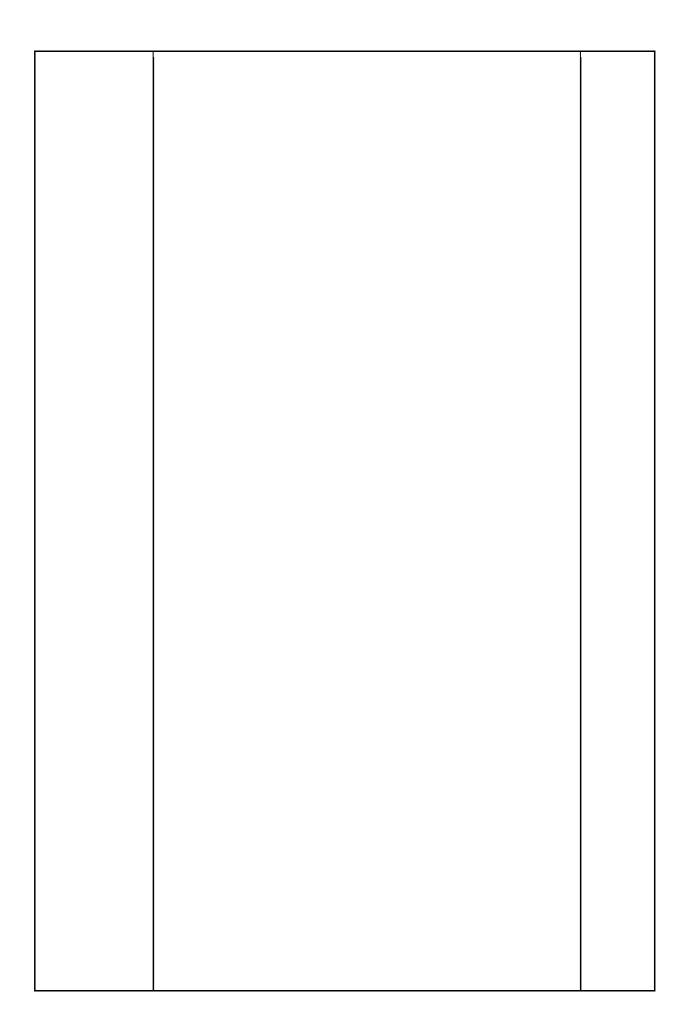
Park Scrutiny Panel evidence given both written and in person ASB and crime in and around the Park -

Conservatory Report - resume of work carried out and on-going. Successes highlighted, including work on horticultural areas in the park e.g. rose beds, long border. Call for more help here.

Awards - Gold, Enfield in Bloom - Wildlife Pond

Silver, Enfield in Bloom - community orchard and apiary

Silver, Enfield in Bloom Wildflower Gardens

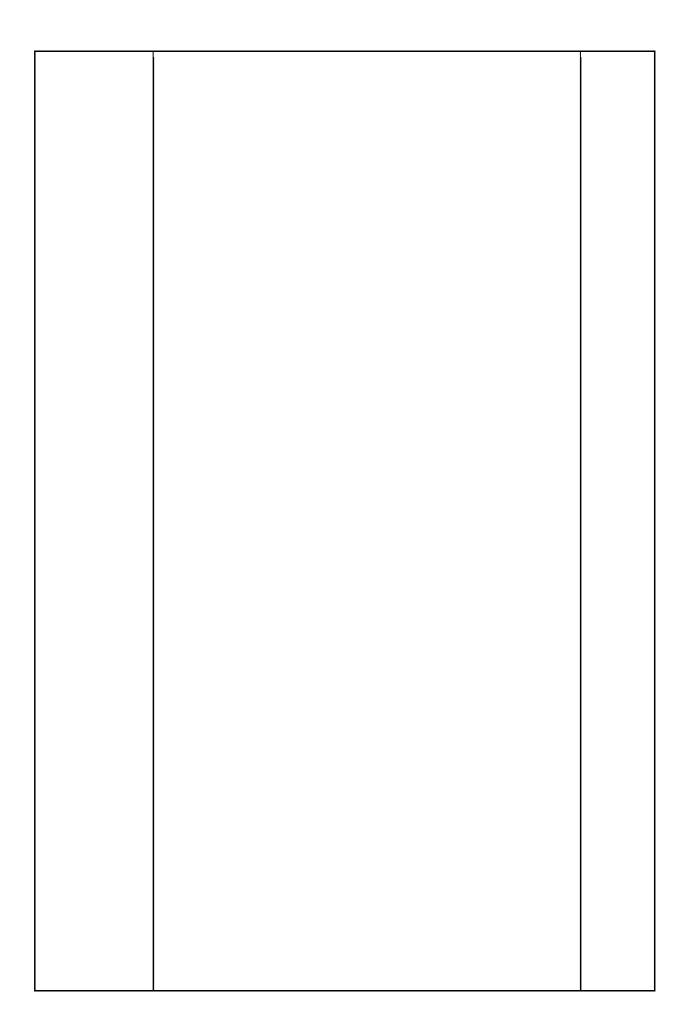


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Open Meeting	Minutes of last meeting approved. Items Broomfield Events - DW outlined enormous success and range of summer events - Park Life July (new), Broomfield Strings (new), Broomfield Blues, Outdoor Screening, Gangsta Granny in conjunction with Enfield Council(new), Palmers Green Festival, Yoga in the Orchard(new), Conservatory Music. Forthcoming - Stories in the Dark in the Park (23 November). DW successfully bid for £8k Lottery funding to run these events. Thanked by meeting. Boating Pond - CCTV investigation showed blocked pipe - bad news. Good news - Graham Campbell (Wetlands) has applied for a GLA grant £50k. Plan of works - to repair and replace broken pipes. Clearing of first blockage is imminent. Updating of surfaces for netball courts will take place next summer. Wetlands - terms of GLA grant is to design the surroundings of the wetlands. Community and public input is required. Friends really need person/s with knowledge in ecology to join us. Concerns voiced by 2 members of the meeting re the validity of the survey and establishment of the wetlands and the surroundings. Suggestion that we plant native English trees to form a wooded area around the wetlands to balance carbon emissions will be investigated. Richard Thompson and John Prior are invited to the consultation. There is an opportunity to do something with the surrounds as the topsoil is soft. Practical solutions are required. Concern was expressed by a member, CY, that planting trees in the area will remove the historic nature of the park. Benches in surrounding area are a possibility.	

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Broom-fieldSwim Society	Jan Cilliers gave an update.Bad news - they did not reach the target needed to access the Mayor of London grant. Good news - they are continuing and have a revised emphasis on the Baroque Water Gardens. Historic England very much wants to support the whole park.	

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Broomfield House/ Memo- rial Stone	Broomfield House The Council's design team and planning department are working on a plan to rebuild the exterior of Broomfield House as it was in 1903 when acquired by Southgate Urban District Council. This will only be possible if there is a surplus from a housing development in the stableyard, made up of new build and the restored listed stable buildings. Even this will not be enough to restore the interior which would be left void, apart from a café. We await Historic England's view on the plan. Security measures would be built in to the reconstruction, and the presence of residents in the proposed housing might help to deter	
	vandals. Park Memorial The memorial to the purchase of the park in 1903 has been degraded over time so that the inscription is largely unreadable. Grants totalling £6,600 have been arranged through the Broomfield House Trust to clean and recut the lettering. However, additional work recently shown to be necessary means that further funding is needed, which the Friends of Broomfield Park might agree to provide.	
	Cllr Daniel Anderson and Cllr Dinah Barry were thanked for all the work they have done on behalf of FoBP and BHT along with Tim Leaver, Ian Barnes and Claire Stewart who were unable to attend the meeting. Cllr L. Rawlings was thanked for her numerous volunteering occasions.	

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Any Other Busi- ness	Cllr Rawlings asked a question raised on the Facebook page of FoBP - how to put notices on the noticeboards. The committee stated that they wish to replace the noticeboards and content would be reviewed asap. Thanks given to Conservatory group for organising weeding and mulching of the rose beds. Congratulations sent to North London Netball League committee for getting funding £150k from the Marathon Trust and £100k from Sport England to renew netball courts. This will include floodlighting and work is to be completed by Sept 202. Conservatory is to hold a 10 year celebration.	
Date of Next open meeting		



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