



## Notes of AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020

### Attendees

Kim Lumley	Sue Younger
David March	Colin Younger
Zahir Anwar	Chris Brook
David Williamson	Derek Spencer
Elizabeth Dobbie	Roger Blows
Kate Mabey	Sally B
Helen Blairman	Sue Davies
Ivor Evans	Jenny Edwards
Don Arthur	Jean Brewer
Gloria Arthur	Theresa Clark

Kim Lumley welcomed everyone to the virtual AGM on Zoom and explained the protocols for the meeting. David Williamson will be providing technical support and note taking will be done by David March.

## Minutes of AGM 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Agreed

### Election of Officers

Kim Lumley - re-elected as Co-Chair  
David March - re-elected as Co-Chair  
Zahir Anwar - re-elected as Treasurer

### Election of Committee

The following Committee members were re-elected:

Don Arthur, Helen Blairman, Sue Cook, Sue Younger, David Williamson, Ivor Evans, Kate Mabey

## The Co-Chairs' Report 2019/2020

Kim Lumley gave a slide presentation covering the main issues in the report which has been circulated and is also available on the FoBP website. In response the following comments were made.

### Volunteers and relationship with LB Enfield

Jean Brewer thanked volunteers for all the hard work done in the park.

Jenny Edwards echoed Jean's comments and said that the park is such a wonderful place to enjoy most days and that the work done by volunteers has really stood out this year. She wondered how to make more of that by involving younger people and a greater degree of diversity. She said that she would be happy to be involved. Kim Lumley said that this is an important part of the FoBP Action Plan and that we now have over 50 volunteers who have signed up to work in the Long Border and Walled Garden.

Elizabeth Dobbie said that new volunteers have put a fantastic amount of effort working in the Long Border and Walled Garden. Whilst the FoBP have developed good links with Marcus Harvey (LBE) and senior management, she feels that this hasn't been working so well at a local level where the three Park staff have not been looking after the shrubs and plants in the borders. We had a useful input from garden staff from other parks who joined us at a Big Dig Day in the Walled Garden. However, she felt that that they could have worked better with us as a team.

Sue Davies commented that she was impressed with the quality of work being done in the Long Border and Walled Garden. Elizabeth Dobbie thanked the FoBP for allocating £1k to buy new plants and the many volunteers who have been growing on plants for planting out in the Long Border.

### Litter in the park

Theresa Clark commented that part of the problem faced by the park staff is the amount of rubbish left in the park by people and also the rubbish strewn around the bins where foxes rip open bagged rubbish that is left in the park overnight. Don Arthur said that he has raised this with the Council.

Kim Lumley said that one of the items in this year's Action Plan is to get recycling bins introduced into the park.

Elizabeth Dobbie commented that she is often in the park early in the morning and that it shouldn't take all day to clear the bins and litter; an hour in the morning and an hour in the afternoon would suffice.

Chris Brook reported that she often sees the rubbish 'buggy' often parked up outside the Clubhouse for considerable periods of time. Colin Younger was concerned about the damage to the grass being caused by the buggy taking shortcuts between the bins and the 'over-mowing' of the grass.

Kim Lumley reported that these issues have been raised with senior LBE management.

### The Boating Pond

Colin Younger asked if the FoBP has explored possible sources of grant funding for a single project to sort out the problems with the boating pond. In response, Kim Lumley said that we haven't done this

yet as the Council has accepted responsibility to sort out the problems. The project officer has referred it to his Director (Doug Wilkinson) for a decision on the scope of works required and their funding.

### Damage to the playing field by Zippo's Circus trucks

In response to Theresa Clark's concerns about the deep ruts and mess left after Zippo's vacated the site, David Williamson reported that this had been raised with senior Council officers and Councillors by the FoBP. LBE hold a bond of £5k from Zippo to repair any damage, and although some work has been done, this is inadequate. The FoBP will continue to press LBE to sort this out.

### Water quality in the Lakes

Jenny Edwards commented that water quality in the lakes looked very poor earlier in the year and asked whether it has been tested. Kim Lumley reported that as part of the Earthwatch/Waterwatch initiative, he has recently tested the levels of both nitrates and phosphates in the lakes and wetlands. The results show that the reedbeds in the top two lakes are having a positive effect as there are lower levels of nitrates and phosphates at the outlet to the wetlands compared to levels in the top lake.

David March reported that he has met the officers responsible for the Wetlands after the recent heavy rainfall. After an inspection it was clear that the outlet from the middle lake was blocked and the diversion of surface water sewer into the top lake hasn't been functioning properly as it was obstructed by a build-up of silt. LBE officers agreed that drainage system should be regularly maintained and that they would place orders to get this work done.

### Treasurers Report

The full accounts and a summary of the Accounts were circulated for the meeting and are also available on the FoBP website.

The Accounts for the period 1/04/2019 to 31/3 2020 were adopted and the meeting thanked the Treasurer, Zahir Anwar and the Hon Auditor, Simon Gatland for their work.

Jenny Edwards suggested that the FoBP should introduce an annual tree planting programme of Red Oak's in the park as has been done in Oakwood Park. Elizabeth Dobbie said that she is keen to encourage people to plant new trees in Broomfield Park. David March said that he would be happy to co-ordinate this as part of the 'whip' programme.

### Any other Business

Sue Younger asked what the position is about the repair/replacement of memorial and other benches in the park. Kim Lumley said that this is in our Action Plan. David March agreed to check on the current position with LBE.

Jean Brewer thanked everyone for their input into the meeting.

David March Co-chair and notetaker.