

**Minutes from Friends of Nuttall Park Meeting
30th January 2011 @2pm
Nuttall Park Ranger Base**



1. Present

Gwenda Newton
Amy Leach
Janet Smith
Lynn Leyland Mather
John Leyland
Ellen Lomas
Peter Emons
Daniv Johnson

2. Apologies

Jean Hughes
Christine Maksymowski
Roger Nichols
Glennys Nichols
Cllr. Bevan
Brenda Richards
Kate Bell
Shirley Kenyon
Norman Newton
Margaret Emons

GN opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

3. Update from last meeting *(some items will be discussed in the meeting and therefore not mentioned here)*

Soil – KS has delivered the soil needed for our Christmas Task Day (cancelled due to snow). Need to arrange a new date – see FONP dates

Perennial Bed – agreed to meeting 30mins prior to meetings to look after the bed.

IER Bed – lectern is in and the display is currently being worked on. LLM explained 'untidyness' of bed – left long for winter protection and as a source of food for wildlife

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4. Activity Trail

Community Foundation agreed to let us keep the remaining £400 as long as it spent on the activity trail and by the end of February.

With the money saved on VAT have approx £1000 to spend in total. Ordered a Zigzag balance beam – to go on grass by wildflower area near tunnel and a wooden Noughts and Crosses Board – to go by bench outside of Ranger Base

Will be installed before the end of February

5. FONP Action Plan

See updated plan

Uniform - Discussion over 'uniform'. Agreed to buy High Vis Waistcoats to wear on task days in the park. Want a different colour to yellow if possible. AL to sort

Bandstand - has had Action Dates removed due to the rise in cost of design and installation. General agreement that it was beyond FONP fundraising ability. Will still be aware of external funding for the full cost.

Noticeboard – Do we need our own? Don't want a park full of

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noticeboards. AL to speak to MB re cost and suitability
Bins – do we want these? Are they in addition or in replacement of the current bins? Agreement in addition to – a 'would like to have' item rather than an essential

7. FONP Dates

30th March – meeting. 7pm (meet 30 mins before for bed work). NOTE CHANGE IN DATE FROM 27th

8th February – Task Day. 10-12noon. Please bring gardening tools and stiff sweeping brush.

Why meeting on a Sunday? Only due to winter and dark nights.

General agreement that group preferred evening meetings to weekend. Plan to have meetings on Wednesdays (not the 3rd in the month)

Agreed that the frequency was correct. Can add more meetings in if needed when planning events etc.

Agreed to plan evening tasks when lighter nights are here

Does equipment need painting/varnishing? – not yet

Events – do we want to put any on? WOG Apr-June is currently being pulled together.

21-22nd May – FONP Plant Stall

19th June – Churches together in Ramsbottom Event (FONP to have a stall)

29th October – Lantern Parade (see comments. Agreed to do again due to positive feedback)

Do we want to look at planning a week long Holidays at Home Event Programme? – yes. Will need to tie in with other groups. AL to plan a meeting for interested parties.

Agreed to apply to Kids Closer to Nature Grant to celebrate National Insect Week.

AL to send calendar of Festivals/National Days with minutes.

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7. Rangers/Budget Cuts

2 out of 10.5 Ranger jobs are being cut.

Will know if it is definitely happening on 23rd February.

All rangers will need to re-interview for their jobs.

Areas we cover will have to change to pick up the slack made by the 2 posts going.

Changes to be made to the Education, Events and Volunteer Ranger Programme – unsure as to what.

Public Consultation meeting 1st February, 7pm @ Elizabethan Suite in Bury if anyone wants to attend

8. AOB

No issues raised

GN closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.