

Minutes from Friends of Nuttall Park Meeting



1. Present

Gwenda Newton
 Amy Leach
 David Johnson
 Christine Maksymowski
 Ellen Lomas
 Mr Emons
 Mrs Emons

2. Apologies

Lynn Leyland Mather
 Brenda Richards
 Janet Smith
 Glynis Nicholls
 Kate Bell
 Marcia Fletcher
 Paul Leigh
 Jean Hughes
 John Leyland

GN opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

3. Amendment from previous minutes

AL wanted it noted that in previous minutes it may have read that Kate Bell would be contacting Woodhey High School and Summerseat Players. Kate won't be contacting Summerseat Players. AL apologises for the mistake.

4. Updates from previous minutes *(some items will be discussed in the meeting and therefore not mentioned here)*

- *Fire Cadets* – are attending the Balsam Bashing day on 20th June. Need to be mixed in more with FONP or have more supervision from us.
- *Riverbank Clean Up* – GN thanked everyone who attended. Had 12 people turn up. Managed to fill a skip. DJ apologised as he turned up on the wrong day.
- *Dead End Sign* – GN written to Highways and has had her letter acknowledged. AL informed her that the council had to respond with an answer within a set time and to wait for reply
- *Recycling Bin/Bay* – has arrived. Initially unsure as to location but generally FONP are happy with where it is.

5. Flower Bed Update

Has been planted out with money we received from LAP. Thanks to all who helped plant out and who donated some plants. Some plants have been damaged/removed but is generally doing ok. Edible Bed has also been planted, stepping stones look good.

6. Activity Trail Update

- *Junior Orienteering* – AL bought posts and BTCV are putting them in on 27th May. Think the company providing the signs may have gone under as we can't contact them. AL to find contact for another sign company she knows
- *Floor Art* – is in and being used. Wellies and Worms have been using them. Positive comments from other park as well

AL

- *Playground equipment* - is awaiting a 20% deposit off us before delivery but will be sent once received. Now have an extra piece from out VAT savings
- *Lecterns* – ready to be sent, will need to be put in once here.

7. Plant Sale

22/23rd May. 1.30-3.30pm.

Help on the day is needed

Plant/Bulb donations are also needed

Please try to be here for 12.30 on 22nd for setting up. Meet at the ranger base

ALL

8. Ranger events

- Easter Egg Hunt in April had over 130 children attend, plus their parents
- Will be running our Playscheme again this summer. 3/5th Aug, 10-12th Aug in Nuttall Park For 8-12 yr olds. Ring 0161 253 6970 for more information or to book.
- National Play Day will be in Nuttall Park on 4th August this year.

9. FONP Dates

- 22/23rd May – Plant Sale (1.30-3.30)
- 20th June – Balsam Bashing (10am at the Ranger Base)
- 7th July – Meeting (7pm at the Ranger Base)
- 1st September – Meeting (7pm at the Ranger Base)

10. Green Flag

The park will be mystery shopped this year. Can be judged at any time of the year. Will be taken on face value of the park on the day they come, without meeting any of the staff, FONP, community, groups who use the park etc
If anyone is asking you lots of questions – be positive, it may be them!

11. AOB

Knotweed – Graham Schoon and Knotweed expert came to NP few weeks ago. AL unsure as what agreed but work will be starting if it hasn't already

BBQ's – why are BBQ's not allowed in the park? Risk of fire and burns, damage to grass and tables.

Can we have BBQ bays put into the park/stone slabs in picnic benches? AL can't give permission has to come from park Managers. GN to write to MB and Councillors.

Lantern Parade – EL volunteered to do refreshments at event.

Balsam – GN commented you can tell the difference on where we bashed last year. AL reminded we are approx 4wks behind on the season due to the winter we had.

Can the balsam be mowed/strimmed? Who does it as gardeners don't

GN

have time and it has to be a council employee who does it.
ALSO if you take the head/stem off too early and leave the roots in the ground it will grow again
It is easier on the pullers to pull Balsam when its gets a little taller.
Suggestion to hoe the ground/root.
Can another date be arranged? Yes, but group and AL need notice to sort, can't work on short notice.
Agreed to make Balsam Bashing an Annual FONP Event.

Post meeting addition

AL would like it noted to all members that FONP work can not be undertaken on the site without council knowledge/permission. Any members that work on site without permission are not covered by Council insurance and are liable for any accidents/incidents that may happen whilst they are working – this includes to themselves, other members of the public or animals.

This also covers any work with petrol or electric powered tools belonging to them.

Any work that occurs without council knowledge/permission has to be reported to management and may result in that person being removed from the group or the whole group disbanded.

GN closed the meeting and thanked everyone for attending

For any comments or queries about anything mentioned in the minutes please contact Amy Leach on a.r.leach@bury.gov.uk or 01706 82 3358