

**Minutes from Friends of Nuttall Park Meeting
30th March 2011, 7pm
Nuttall Park Ranger Base**



1. Present

Amy Leach
Janet Smith
Ellen Lomas
Brenda Richards
David Johnson
Margaret Emons
Peter Emons
Glennys Nicholls
John Leyland

2. Apologies

Gwenda Newton
Norman Newton
Kate Bell
Kevin Day
Roger Nicholls
Cllr Magnall

As GN on holiday, AL chaired the meeting.
AL opened the meeting and thanked everyone for coming.

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

Soil – thanks to all those that attended the task day. Managed to put down a sample area of material and soil. Going to sow with wildflower seeds on 4th April.

Happy that soil has stayed in place as was unsure whether it would.

Activity Trail – final 2 pieces of play equipment has gone in – Noughts and Crosses board and balance beam (0 and X's board very popular) – balance has been paid.

Still some money left, going to look at more floor art and another set of plaques for the Jnr Orienteering course.

Uniform – bought High Viz vests/waistcoats. Settled on Blue ones in the end as no one else uses that colour, with Friends of Nuttall Park on the back

FONP Notice board – possibly have a spare board at Burrs FONP can have, and have installed, for free. AL to locate.

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4. FONP Dates

Mon 4th April – 10am. Wildflower Meadow sowing

Wed 11th May – 7pm. Meeting (provisional date)

Sat 21st – Sun 22nd – 12.30-4pm. Plant Sale

Wed 1st June – 1.30-4pm. Activity Trail Launch and Refreshments

Sun 19th June – 1.30-4.30pm. Churches Event

Sat 29th Oct – Lantern Parade

All meeting at Ranger Base

Help will be needed at all the above dates.

Suggestions needed on activities for Activity Trail Launch.

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<p>Other Items: Holidays at Home event – agreed at last meeting to hold an event. AL will sort a meeting for all interested groups Kids Closer to Nature Grant – agreed at last meeting to apply for funding to make Bugs/Animal Houses at Churches event. AL applied for funding, not heard back. AL showed samples of possible (and simple) houses to make GNic offered possible assistance with funding should group need it.</p>	<p>AL AL GNic</p>
<p>5. Ranger News Ranger service needed to make 2 staff cuts with the proposed budget cuts/savings. Interviewed on 24th March. The 2 rangers leaving are Paul from Radcliffe and Phil from Whitefield. Areas will have to be changed to pick up the slack from these areas. AL will pass on more information when she has it.</p>	
<p>6. Ranger Events <i>Wed 20th April</i> – Easter Egg Hunt @ 10.30. Must register before 11.30 <i>Thurs 28th April</i> – Walk and Grub. Need to book on, ring 01706 82 3358 to book. Will be approx 3-4hr walk.</p>	
<p>7. AOB <i>Email to council</i> – KB has sent an email and letter to council asking for playground improvements/renovations. At the time of meeting she hadn't had a reply. She is asking for FONP to put their support behind her email and send it again from a group perspective. Meeting agreed <i>Green flag</i> – Nuttall Park will be going in for Green flag again this year, it will be mystery shopped again <i>Bugs on Playground</i> – complaints from Playground inspection team that bugs are dangerous due to way they are attached. AL to look at making them safer <i>Potholes on Nuttall Hall Road</i> – Parks Dept said they couldn't afford to fix road and advised group to contact Councillors about the state of it. Discussion as to who's responsibility it is to maintain it – unsure whether its residents or council <i>Contact from Choir</i> – JL forwarded email earlier in week regarding a Choral society interested in using Nuttall Park for an event in 2012. General agreement event was a good idea, AL concerned with the amount of input expected from FONP. AL to contact choir <i>Lectern for IER</i> – LLM sent email complaining about lectern on IERams bed. Frame rusting, Perspex window coming away from frame, filled with water etc. AL sent email to company who provided it, company apologised and are sending a replacement.</p>	<p>AL AL</p>

Floor art – comment the floor art wasn't well used as it was in a poor location and children seemed threatened by the woods.

AL explained why floor art is located where it is as it is the only suitable surface.

Others commented that they didn't see the problem and they used it with children/grandchildren. AL mentioned that it was well used and she hadn't had any complaints.

Agreed to look at the trees and cut back any overhanging the path to make it less 'threatening'

Website – needs to be renewed every 2 years, do we still want it?

Agreed yes, AL to send JL new, up to date photos and info of the park.

JL mentioned that he had been asked by ramsbottom online if they could have a link to the website – AL said no as FONP attached to council we couldn't be seen to support one business above another.

AL/JL

AL closed the meeting and thanked everyone for coming