



**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 13 May 2010, 7.30pm
at The Ackroyd Community Centre, SE23**

Present:- Friends of Blythe Hill Fields members:

Alan Bailey (Chair)	Kylie Barnes (Secretary)	Gavin Bolam	Sydney Couldridge
Molly Bertrand	Elizabeth Downie	Jo Ireland	Ahmad Saeed
Marcel Jenkins	Sarah Main	Josh Smaller	Albert Blackmore

Apologies:-

Nicholas Taylor 2 Officers from Comm Police Team	Anne Scott	Hannah Crump – Groundworks
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1. Welcome and Apologies

Alan Bailey opened the meeting.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

Josh Smaller asked that if trees were felled, could they be left insitu to encourage wildlife / insects to inhabit them. AB has discussed this with Glendales and they said it shouldn't be a problem.

Daffodils and Bluebells were once again cut – for the third year running! KB has spoken with Martin Hyde and she has since met with Angus Fraser to ensure that they are not cut again. Angus has offered 4,000 bulbs so that we can plant them some time in October with assistance from Glendales.

3. Playground Opening Event focussing on “play” and “gardening” – Opening of New Playground

The new playground is now officially open and comments have been appreciative ie; the atmosphere in the park has changed – a more cared for park, more lived in. However, there are concerns that have recently been raised. They are:-

- a) Zip wire – has it been installed correctly
- b) the gabian wall – parents are worried that children will roll over the edge
- c) boys on their bmx bikes riding over the newly grassed areas.

Hannah Crump from Groundworks was unavailable for today's meeting. The Opening Day has been set as Tuesday 1st June from 12.00 – 3.00pm to provide a day of planting / play workshops to encourage more people to use the new playground now that it is opened. The Mayor is due to officially open the Playground at 2.00 pm

Signage – the signage within the fields has deteriorated somewhat – the main T post sign doesn't have very many letters left on it as they have mostly peeled off. The notice-board was damaged some time ago and still the plastic glass hasn't been changed. The key to the noticeboard also doesn't work properly. KB has tried to get the noticeboard repaired without success.

Since the new playground has been installed, visitors are now requesting coffee and tea facilities. It was suggested that perhaps an ice-cream van could provide this kind of service. GB would look into speaking with a local supplier to see if they were interested.

4. **Festival – Saturday 3rd July 2010**

The event is now confirmed. The Entertainment Licence has been approved. The stage, PA system, toilets, bouncy castle, van, Fire engine, police horses, straw bales, barbecue, donkeys have all been ordered and the entertainment booked. Unfortunately, the Mayor will not be able to open our event.

Refuse Recycling - Nicholas Taylor. Rubber gloves will have to be purchased for use at the end of the day sorting the rubbish.

Donkeys - Jo Ireland has found 6 volunteers to help! Thank you to those volunteers.

Banners - KB has made two extra.

Cake Stall - MB will pull together.

GB will organise Ice Cream van(s).

Entertainment – MB will act as impresario for the stage acts. A Punch and Judy show will be performing.

Stalls - Kylie Barnes. If you would like a stall please contact her via – www.blythehillfields.org.uk.

Current stalls will be; biscuits, cakes, barbecue, Babur, History Tent, Face Painting.

Josh and Lewisham Community Sports will need to be contacted again to see if he wishes to take part.

Volunteers – are still needed for the following:-

Delivering of leaflets prior to the event

Managing the entrance gates

Stewards on the day

5. **Any other Business**

KB to apply for a Macro Card for the Friends.

6. **Dates of Meetings for 2010**

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

10th June

15th July (If needed for post-festival wrap party)

7th October (AGM)

2nd December

MISSION STATEMENT

Friends of Blythe Hill Fields (FBHF) exists to represent everyone living around or using Blythe Hill Fields. Our purpose is to achieve sustainable improvements and facilities in this vital resource for the benefit of the whole community. We aim to promote the increased use and enjoyment of this essential open space.