



**Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 3 February 2011, 7.30pm
The Ackroyd Community Centre, SE23**

Present:- Friends of Blythe Hill Fields members:

Marcel Jenkins (Dep Chair)	Kylie Barnes (Secretary)	Sydney Couldridge	Molly Bertrand
Gavin Bolam	Jo Ireland	Judith Simmons (Glendale)	Albert Blackmore
Jim Richardson	Wendy Scott		

Apologies:-

Alan Bailey (Chair)	Noelle O'Conner	Elizabeth Downie	Nicholas Taylor
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1. Welcome and Apologies

Marcel Jenkins (MJ) and Kylie Barnes (KB) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone and Judith Simmons from Glendale.

2. Minutes of the last meeting and Matters Arising

Judith Simmons from Glendale's produced a sign that Chris Thompson he designed stating that the skating is causing damage to the playground. General consensus was that the poster was suitable.

Panoramic View Descriptor – Molly Bertrand (MB) has not been able to pin anything down on this. She suggested that we put in a bid to the Arts Council to apply for funding. MB to chase.

Trees - 26 new trees were supposed to be planted before Christmas to replace the ones that had died or been vandalised. SC to chase.

Bulb Planting from 2010 did not occur as there was no-one available to organise it. KB mentioned that the bulbs would be flowering soon so it was imperative that the Wildflower Meadow Strips & Grass Cutting Plans would be left with the mowing people to ensure that they are not mown down again this year! Saturday the 26th of February has been planned as a Nature's Gym session in Blythe Hill Fields. The idea was that she would order up some whips and Nature's Gym would work with FBHF on filling in gaps and general maintenance of the Hedges. Chris Thompson was to liaise with Lara and contact Kylie to confirm whether 26 Feb could be confirmed and published.

Benches - Chris Thompson reported back with costings for a wooden Meridian Style park bench at Blythe Hill. They would cost £1,671.00 including VAT, delivery and fitting.

Cradle swing damage – This has still not been repaired and neither has the floor area. Chris Thompson is waiting for the weather to improve to enable this to happen.

Earn Your Travel Back – BTCV. Whips were planted on the 22nd January and some areas were cleared. It was suggested to have a loggery for stag beetles and May2011 would be a goo time to have some more planting.

3 Festival – Saturday 2nd July 2011

MJ produced a list of all the items that we require volunteers and people to organise for the festival. The list was mainly divided up between the Friends during the meeting. The idea was to spread all the responsibilities of organising the Festival evenly across the membership.

A stall booking form is now available on the web site.

We agreed a standard percentage of 25% for the takings of food suppliers such as the Babur and other vendors.

Toilets – Chris Thompson to return with a quotation / GB to enquire as well

Recycling – Nicholas Taylor (NT) is happy to do the recycling this year but owing to ill health prior to Christmas, we need some more volunteers to help him with this task considering he has recently had a heart bypass operation.

Entertainment – MB to liaise and organise the acts again. KB gave details of a Scottish bag-pipe player.

Lewisham Community Sports – MJ to liaise and establish if they are happy to come next year.

Donkeys – KB to find better donkeys. – Still looking.

Police Horses – KB

Staging – Gavin Bolam (GB) to establish and organise.

Generator – GB to establish and organise.

Leaflet production – MJ to establish where to get them from.

Flyer design – Sydney Couldridge to come up with a design.

Mayor – KB to invite

8. **Any Other Business**

There were 4 muggings in the fields recently; the assailants have now been caught.

The Friends' wanted to extend deepest sympathy to Liz Downie for her recent family bereavement.

There were also best wishes to Nicholas Taylor for a speedy recovery from his recent ill-health.

9. **Next Meetings**

Thursday 7th April 2011

Thursday 9th June 2011

Thursday 13th October 2011 (AGM)

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.