



**Minutes of Meeting held on 6 March 2012
at Ackroyd Centre**

Present:- Friends of Blythe Hill Fields members:

Nicholas Taylor (Chair), Gavin Bolam, Leo Stevens, Lynne Owen, Jo Ireland, Sydney Couldridge, James Hunter, Catherine Walsh, David Byrne

Apologies:- Marcel Jenkins

1. Welcome

Nicholas Taylor (NT) welcomed everyone to the meeting

2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

3. Festival

NT apologised for a lack of progress on his work, but this was due to a bereavement and ill health.

GB provided an update as to his work to date. Sound stage, generator and funfair have been booked.

He would be speaking to Peter James about sausages but there is a chance that he may be in hospital in May, so we would need to speak to Mark Wellband about his supplier as a contingency.

Babur have confirmed that they would attend as have Lewisham Community Sports.

GB would be booking toilets shortly along with two ice cream vans.

Catherine Walsh attended and offered her services for a kite making workshop as a potential revenue generator for the Friends. She would require a couple of volunteers to help out and the cost of materials.

This offer was welcomed by the Friends and the specifics would be discussed closer to the time.

LO said that unfortunately her daughter would be unable to do the face painting so an alternative would need to be found. JI would talk to her friend Mouse, to see if she would assist with this. She would also talk to Pat-a-Cake about donating cakes for the Friends to sell.

JI confirmed that the donkeys would be able to attend again this year.

NT said that he would prepare a press release shortly to send to local publications and websites advertising the date of the festival.

It was noted that participation in welly wangling had declined. It was agreed that it would be cancelled this year, so that the space could be allocated for more stalls.

DB suggested sponsorship from local businesses as a way of raising revenue. This was discussed by the group and ideas such as estate agent boards were suggested.

Jl said that she would speak to local estate agents to find out the level of sponsorship and what they would require in return.

SC said that he would be happy to do the posters again. It was agreed to do two set of posters. The first would be printed at the beginning of April and would set out the date of the festival along with a general request for volunteers.

A second poster with more details would be printed a few weeks before the festival along with leaflets.

DB said that he would obtain a quote from a local printer for these. It might, however, be possible to have colour photocopying done as previously.

GB would book the rest of the bands once MJ had given him details of the ones who played last year.

4. Tree Planting and trim trail

Tree planting would now be at 10am on Saturday 10 March.

NT would contact Glendale to see if they would provide assistance.

It was agreed that NT, LO and SC would carry out a tree audit in May to see which trees needed replacing and to ensure that Glendale would do this properly this time.

5. AOB

None

6. Date of next meeting

Either 17 or 18 April, depending on venue. It was agreed that the Honor Oak would be a better choice of venue but they were generally busy on Tuesdays.

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.