

Friends of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields

Notes of meeting held on 17th November 2024 at the Earl Beatty

Present

Martin
Jonna
Ruth
John

Apologies

Bernie

1) Actions from previous meetings

i) DBS

Bernie and John have received emails to respond to
Jonna already has received her certificate

ii) Posters

Martin to create templates

iii) Website and social media

John to contact young people who helped this summer
-Ask if any of them are able to help with social media etc
-Ask them to sign up for next year

2) Blossom House

Jonna to follow up proposal to offer space for gardening

3) Merton Council

Martin has raised issues with Andrew Kaufman but had no response to the points he has raised-

These include:

- need for more bins
- proposed replacement of hut (see item 9)
- space for Blossom House (see item 2)
- feedback from Green Flag inspection

John to follow up via Council channels

4) Fulham Foundation

Anthony Hopkins has advised us that consultants Continuum have been engaged to advise on the proposed development

We discussed what benefits we would want in order for development to be supported:
-extra parking (along the roadway between the entrance and the pavilion)

- refurbishment of the pavilion
- drainage solution

5) Motspur Park 100

Friends will run a complimentary event on 12/07/2025

We will continue to liaise with Toby Ewin's initiative but to plan something that will go ahead whatever happens with that

6) Bootscrapers

Bernie pointed out that mud was being left on pavements because the boot scrapers were clogged with mud

Martin said he would approach the sports teams to keep the boot scrapers in a fit for purpose condition (or replace them)

7) Accounts

We noted the update on the accounts provided by Bernie

8) Defibrillators

We agreed to apply for a defibrillator to be fitted.

Jonna agreed to fund it.

The Friends agreed to provide a plaque dedicating the defibrillator to Howard Leigh.

9) Bid for funding

the Council website

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/council-and-local-democracy/finance/legacy-fund>

contains the following:

Merton Legacy Fund

We have secured £75m from the sale of a council-owned company that we're using for the Merton Legacy Fund – a new pot of money that will improve our borough for current residents and generations to come. We have set aside £15m from the fund for projects that are informed by the public. We want to hear from you on what your priorities are and how you think we can make a lasting difference with this £15m.

Please tell us if you have an idea or a project you would like to see the fund support. This could be anything from an outdoor gym in your local park to a monument to the heritage of your local community.

See Appendix below

10) Future meetings

Sunday December 8th 2024

Sunday January 5th 2025

Sunday February 2nd 2025

Sunday March 2nd 2025

Sunday April 6th 2025 (note Easter is 20/04/2025)

Sunday May 4th 2025 (bank holiday weekend)

Appendix
Merton Legacy Fund

Draft submission

Replacement of the Hut
Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields
Marina Avenue
KT3 6NF

The Hut is a small shed like structure that is used for selling drinks and ice creams in the summer holiday period in Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields. The hut is cramped and lacks appropriate water and drainage facilities to enable it to function as a modern catering outlet.

This proposal is to install a larger structure.

This would enable storage space in the main Pavilion to be released for other uses.

It would also allow for an improved catering offer to be provided.

The requirements are:

- i) a larger hut (which could be part funded by the Friends of Sir Joseph Hood)
- ii) an enlarged concrete foundation
- iii) improved water supply and drainage