

Friends of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Field

Minutes of meeting on Sunday 6th April at 1030 at the Earl Beatty

Present

Martin

Jonna

Kate

John

Apologies

Bernie

Steven

Hannah

Isobel

1) Martin gave a summary of activities during last year and plans for the next year

2) It was Resolved that the annual accounts for 2024 be accepted

Proposed by Martin

Seconded by John

3) The following we elected

Martin - Chair

Bernie - Treasurer

John - Secretary

Jonna - Committee Member

4) Safeguarding

It was agreed that the Safeguarding Policy would be circulated by email and any comments could be made

In the absence of any adverse comments it would be safe to open the hut at Easter and formally adopt the Safeguarding Policy at the next meeting

5) Fulham Football Club proposals

It was agreed that the proposals presented so far did not offer any benefits to the park

Land would be taken away but there were no compensations offered

Additionally The Friends had contributed to the refurbishment of the crazy golf

6) Gasholder site

We felt that the proposed development was too massive (18 floors) and would overwhelm the park. We considered that Merton had quite a lot of leverage despite the site being in Kingston as the access to the park was an important selling point. There was a lot of opposition from residents at the Worcester Park end of the site.

We agreed that it was the Friends role to protect the park
We agreed it would be a good idea to bring people from Sutton, Kingston and Merton together and this could be done at a public meeting.

John to organise

7) Motspur Park 100

As in so many other issues the Council have failed to engage
We considered it reasonable to ask for the paddling pool to be opened for 12/07/2025
this is only a few days before the summer holidays and last year we lost several weeks availability of the pool because of pump failure

Action John to contact the Executive Director of Environment, Civic Pride and Climate

8) Boardwalk

There had been no further contact from Barratts

Action Martin to follow up

9) Website

The website is nearly ready

Action Martin to circulate details of how to access

10) The Hut

It was agreed that we would open on the following days

Good Friday April 18th
Saturday April 19th
Easter Sunday April 20th
Bank Holiday Monday April 21st

Saturday May 3rd
Sunday May 4th (also a meeting day)
Bank Holiday Monday May 5th

Saturday May 24th
Sunday May 25th
Bank Holiday Monday May 26th

John and Martin agreed to repaint the Hut
This will be on Friday 11th April starting at 0930
Anyone else who wants to help will be very welcome

Martin will purchase supplies for the Hut
John will organise helpers

FUTURE MEETINGS

Sunday May 4th 2025 (bank holiday weekend)
(John on holiday)

Sunday June 1st 2025

Sunday July 6th 2025

Sunday August 3rd 2025

Sunday September 7th 2025

Sunday October 5th 2025

Sunday November 2nd 2025

Sunday December 7th 2025

HOLIDAYS

Martin 13th April - 18th April

John 26th April to 14th May