

Friends of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields

Notes of meeting held on 11th August 2024 at the Earl Beatty

Present

Martin
John
Jonna
Caroline
Sophie

Apologies

Bernie
Ruth

The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed as follows:

1) Safeguarding

DBS still outstanding for John and Bernie
Jonna to be included

ACTION Martin please expedite

2) Blossom House

ACTION Martin has emailed the head of Blossom House and John has spoken to the Operations Manager - Martin to follow up

We discussed the possibility that an space in the Crazy Golf course could be made available for growing vegetables

3) Fulham Football Club

ACTION Martin has written to Fulham FC - will follow up

4) Green Flag

The Green Flag was re-awarded
This should be communicated

5) Centenary of opening of Motspur Park station

ACTION John speak to Toby

Post meeting note
John met Toby on 13th August

Toby has a number of plans underway dealing with the history of the station and railway
He has undertaken to call a meeting to involve Councillors and other interested parties

6) Posters

We agreed to produce some new poster designs with a look and feel appropriate to the park

These could give details of meetings, litter picks and other activities

We need 4 x A3, 6 x A4 and 2 x A4 laminated

ACTION

Martin produce design

Bernie produce and display posters

7) The Hut

We discussed the proposal to replace the Hut with a larger and better equipped structure.
One requirement would be proper water supply and wastewater removal

ACTION

Martin to write to Merton Council and ask for their support especially with respect to water supply

The target is to have a new facility ready for next summer

The deadline for bidding for Council "civic pride" funding is 30th September

8) Leaflet

We discussed producing a leaflet which could be delivered to residents
to encourage use of the park and to recruit volunteers

No further action agreed

The following new topics were discussed:

9) Crazy Golf

The access to the Crazy Golf is limited to when the Hut is open

It was pointed out that equipment for other sports can be obtained from
devices on the courts

This may be a solution for out-of-hours access

10) Gas Holders

Proposals for the Gas Holders site have been circulated

Opposition to very high buildings was expressed

At Kings Cross gas holders have been retained as a feature with development
inside the gas holders

<https://www.kingscross.co.uk/gasholders-10-11-12>

11) Website

The person who used to maintain the website (Oliver Pusey) hasn't engaged with us yet it was mentioned that the previous website is probably archived somewhere and might be restorable

We really need a social media/internet person on the team

12) Boardwalk project

Martin described the project

Barretts have volunteer days for their staff so we might be able to get a lot of help
To do this we need a detailed plan so we can tell them exactly what we want done

13) Events

We haven't organised any events yet

Every year Merton has a Sports Day - this year its in Wimbledon Park

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/healthy-living/sport-and-healthy-living/bigsportsday#>

We could try and host the event next year

ACTION John request hosting of event next year

(post meeting note - this has been done but next year it will be in Morden Park)

There is also the possibility of an event in connection with the centenary of Motspur Park station opening (July 12th 2025)

14) Future meetings

The next meeting will be on Sunday 15th September at 1030 at the Earl Beatty followed by a litter pick at 1200

This to be properly advertised with posters etc

links

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/leisure-recreation-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/parks-and-recreation-grounds/morden/sir-joseph-hood-memorial-playing-fields>

<https://www.friendsofsjh.org/>

<https://cheekychimpscafe.co.uk/new-malden/>

<https://rp11.uk/>

<https://motspurparkyouthfc.com/>