

# Friends of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields

Notes of meeting held on Sunday 8th December 2024 at the Earl Beatty

Present

Martin  
Bernie  
Jonna  
Sophie  
Hannah  
John

Apologies

Ruth

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## 1) Previous actions

i) DBS

Bernie DONE

Jonna DONE

John outstanding

*Martin to re-send application to John*

ii) Posters

New template for posters

*Martin to re-work*

There are to be two versions

-litter pick

-general information

There is a logo we could use

iii) Website and social media

John has contacted all the young people who helped at the hut

The message thanked them and asked them if they would be available next year

Also they were asked if they wanted to get involved in website updating/social media

At the time of the meeting Tallulah had expressed an interest

There was a discussion which concluded

-we need to get some expert help to get the website back up and running

*Bernie said he knew someone who might be available and agreed to contact them*

We agreed a budget of £1,000

The young person would be responsible for implementing our content on various platforms eg instagram, tik-tok, blue sky

iv) Blossom House

Martin has contacted Alex Ross

So far no response

*No further action at this stage*

v) Merton Council

*Martin to try again to contact Andrew Kaufman*

Issues include - new hut, bins, boardwalk, defibrillator

vi) Fulham Foundation

Bernie he didn't think anything was likely to happen but a possible site for Fulham was the former Boys Club

A benefit in return could be extension of the car park

Martin suggested that a benefit could be refurbishment of the Pavilion

Sophie emphasised the heritage value of the Pavilion

Nothing likely to develop until the consultants' report is received.

*Martin to try to meet the developers (the Residents' Association have arranged a meeting)*

*John will try to get a copy as soon as possible*

vii) Motspur Park 100

Bernie has attended two meetings with Toby Ewin and explained what he was planning

-model railway (Paul Gumbrell), historical exhibition, a ceremony possibly unveiling a plaque,

Christian Wolmar has agreed to attend, Michael Portillo has been invited

Bernie had asked for an action plan to be produced at the next meeting

We are planning a separate (but complementary) event on the same day (12th July 2025)

Ideas

-Scouts/Guides led barbecue

-stalls from various groups (eg Faith in Action)

-paddling pool should be open early

-brass band

-sound system (available from Kit at the papershop)

*Action - John - submit event application*

viii) Defibrillator

Jonna has applied to the British Heart foundation

They offer a free defibrillator including ongoing maintenance

The Council have said that they want to do the installation

We are waiting to hear the decision

*No further action at this stage*

ix) New Hut

An application was submitted for the new hut

We need to discuss this with the Council to see whether they

will fund the water infrastructure

*Action - John - try to engage Andrew Kaufman (also Martin see action v)*

x) Boardwalk

The £15k funding has to be spent by May 2026

This means we need to plan to complete the project during 2025

*John will find out what resources are available from Barrett Homes*

*(the builders of Sterling Place, Burlington Road)*  
*Martin will work on some general plans so we can present them to Barretts*

## **2) New items**

xi) Bank Mandate

Bernie got Martin and John's signatures for the bank mandate  
*Bernie finalise banking arrangements*

xii) Alf Acott award

Bernie brought the Alf Acott award

It is intended to recognise the contribution of the previous Friends Group

-some are already on the award

*Bernie to think about how to implement this plan*

xiii) Gas Holders development

A meeting was held which Sophie attended

There is a partnership between Berkeley Homes and SGN (Scotia Gas Networks)

*No further action at this stage*

Post meeting note:

Here are some links

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/system/files?file=sgn20west20barnes20lane20response20to20merton20jan18.pdf>

<https://motspurparkgasholders.co.uk/about-us/>

<https://motspurparkgasholders.whatmatterstoyou.co.uk/>

<https://www.derelictplaces.co.uk/threads/motspur-park-gas-holders-oct-15.31961/>

## **3) Future Meeting Dates**

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)

(John on holiday)

Sunday June 1st 2025

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Sunday July 6th 2025

Sunday August 3rd 2025

Sunday September 7th 2025

Sunday October 5th 2025

Sunday November 2nd 2025