

## Friends of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Field

Minutes of meeting on Sunday 2nd March at 1030 at the Earl Beatty

Present

Bernie  
Dan  
Hannah  
John  
Martin  
Nicola  
Sophie

Apologies

Jonna  
Steve

Matters discussed

*Actions in italics*

i) DBS

John's DBS still not sorted out  
*John to try again with original password*  
*Failing that Martin to restart process*

ii) Posters

It was agreed that the posters would be refreshed every 6 months

iii) The Guide

Post meeting note: details are on page 18 of the March Guide  
I have been contacted by 2 people already

iv) Website and Social Media

*Martin will show us a version of the new site at the next meeting*  
*It should be live by Easter*

v) Blossom House

*Martin to reach out*

vi) Horticultural Society

Have agreed to participate in the 12th July event

vii) Merton Council

*There has been no further contact*  
*John to chase Jefferson Nwokeoma*  
post meeting note: John contacted Jonathan Turner  
who responded and said we should forward outstanding issues to him

viii) Gasworks development

John gave details of the meeting between Berkeley Homes (Tom Fox)

and the Raynes Park and West Barnes Residents' Association which he attended.

Timescale - pre-application soon, application by end of year

The construction traffic is to enter the site from the Motspur Park end and exit by the Worcester Park end

ix) Fulham Foundation

*John to chase Anthony Hopkins*

post meeting note: Bernie attended a briefing - feedback at the meeting

x) Flooding

A lot of holes have been drilled in the park

The holes are about 4 feet deep with a plastic lining and cap

The method seems to be that they act as mini-storage tanks for rainwater to prevent water logging

post meeting note: Merton's flood prevention strategy is out for consultation

<https://www.merton.gov.uk/streets-parking-transport/streets-and-pavements/flooding/management/how>

xi) Motspur Park 100

*John to confirm booking and check out requirements re risk assessment*

*Also confirm paddling pool availability*

There is a planning meeting chaired by Toby Ewin at the Earl Beatty on Wednesday at 6pm

It was agreed that we would contact all the local community organisations and if Toby had a list of them we would use that

*Action - Bernie ask Toby if you are going to the meeting otherwise John can*

Salvation Army band may be available

*John to follow up*

Other attractions

Tennis for Free (Nicola)

<https://www.tennisforfree.com/sites/joseph-hood-recreation-ground/>

Horticultural Society (Jonna)

Cycling (Dan)

Sutton Cycling Club

West Barnes Singers (Bernie)

Salvation Army

Girl Guides

xii) Defibrillator

No plan at the moment

xiii) New Hut

It looks unlikely that a new hut could be in place for this Summer  
Will include in item vii)

xiv) Boardwalk

Very constructive meeting between Mark Doyle (Barratts) and  
Martin and Bernie  
Measurements were taken (the route is 368m) and photos sent  
*Not sure what the next steps are*

xv) Bank Mandate, Sum Up

SUM Up machine ready to go  
Bank Mandate accepted  
Nearly there!

xvi) Alf Accott

This year's award to be made at the AGM  
Then everything will be updated  
Note AGM is the April meeting

xvii) Measuring the path

No progress  
*John to follow up*

xx) Faith in Action

action complete

xxi) Notice Board

The notice board was repaired and then broken again  
Needs polycarbonate which is more robust than perspex  
*John to speak to IDVerde*

xxii) Safeguarding Policy

Next time we will have a resolution to adopt the policy  
*Martin please circulate final version*

xxiii) Other items

We learned that the corner areas of the grass in front of the Pavilion were originally  
planted by the Friends of the Park

*Bernie to circulate the Motspur Park 100 logo*  
(also visible in the library with the list of events for 12th July)

xxiv) Next meeting

The next meeting (AGM) will be on **Sunday 6th April** at the Earl Beattie at 1030

Subsequent meetings will be:

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