

Friends of Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Field

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

Present

Bernie
Jonna
Steve
Nicola
Dan
John

Apologies

Martin
Hannah

Matters discussed

i) DBS

John's DBS still not sorted out
John and Martin to get this done by next time

ii) Posters

The meeting place should be the car park
Bernie will produce and display the posters
The meetings to be advertised on Nextdoor
by John and Sara (McAlister)

iii) The Guide

John has sent meeting details to Clare Townshend and will
be published from March

iv) Website and Social Media

We agreed that a new modern site should be created as soon as possible
It should work well on all devices
The historic data can be migrated but not needed on day one
The existing budget of £1,000 stands and if more is needed
Martin should make a proposal at a future meeting

Be aware of the online safety bill requirements

v) Blossom House

No update

vi) Horticultural Society

Jonna agreed to mention to Diane
Diane may wish to have some involvement with the Friends

The Horticultural Society to be invited to participate in
Motspur Park 100 celebration event (12/07/2025)

vii) Merton Council

John met Jefferson Nwokeoma on 15th January
Jefferson sympathetic to our problem with communication
Said three new people were to be recruited
Promised to get Andrew Kaufman to contact Martin

Bernie had a meeting with (Council Leader) Ross Garrod and Andrew Kaufman

Promises were made about the need for additional bins in the park and the renewal of the boot-scrapers

viii) Gasworks development

Martin had made contact with Tom Fox of Berkeley Homes
Post meeting note: John attended meeting between Residents' Association and Berkeley Homes

ix) Fulham Foundation

No update

x) Flooding

Work has begun/is about to begin on the Council's flood mitigation scheme
The drainage ditch improvements have apparently made a difference
One member said that a similar project (drilling lots of holes) had been successful elsewhere (Sir Joseph Hood Recreation Ground, Martin Way)
There was a meeting between the Council and the football teams (Motspur Park FC, Raynes Park Little Leagues)
There has been no contact with us

xi) Motspur Park 100

John has submitted an application for an event to be held on Saturday July 12th
There will need to be risk assessments and insurance details provided
John will liaise with the Council to confirm the arrangement and find out if there is a template for the risk assessment
Martin is used to doing these in his school role and can provide Risk Assessment templates.

John will ask for the paddling pool to be open that day

Further ideas were suggested
Horticultural Society (see v above)
Cycling (Dan is a cycle trainer) - lots of bikes at St John Fisher school - also Sutton Cycling Club might be interested
Tennis (Nicola is involved with Tennis For All)
Raynes Park Tennis Club and/or AELTC
West Barnes Singers (Bernie contact Trevor Gray)
Girl Guides

xii) Defibrillator

Original request turned down
John to approach Council
Post meeting note: this was turned down

xiii) New Hut

We need to take a decision soon on whether some repairs are to be done or

the hut can be replaced for the summer
John to approach Andrew Kaufman

xiv) Boardwalk

Mark Doyle, Project Manager for Barratts has made contact.
Hoping to meet next week.

xv) Bank Mandate, Sum Up

SUMUP machine needs programming
Bernie to arrange for bank signatories for online banking
Action - Bernie

xvi) Alf Accott

This year's award to be made at the AGM
Then everything will be updated

xvii) Measuring the path

Conways - no progress yet
Too wet at the moment

xx) Faith in Action

Concert posters in place

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) General discussion

Lots of interest in the ownership and future of the Thompson's Nursery site
Originally this was the nursery for all Wandsworth Council's plants

A litter pick was carried out
John and Bernie agreed to meet to clear all the food out of the Hut
The freezer was iced up - power switched off
Post meeting note: this was done; mice were evicted

xxiv) Next meeting

The next meeting will be on **Sunday 2nd March** at the Earl Beattie at 1030

Subsequent meetings will be:

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