

**Friends of Eaton Park  
Committee Meeting held in the Community Centre,  
28 August 2008 at 7pm**

**1. Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

These were agreed.

**3. Matters arising**

3.1 (7) Fiona confirmed the press release has not gone out about the *café shutters* - this is because the broken windows need to be mended. Nicky said he has been trying to contact City Care to arrange for the work to be done - Femi will be covering the cost. Fiona will chase up Rodney Mason.

3.2 (8) *Newsletter*. Christine is happy to put one together but currently short of time. She agreed to put something together for the AGM but would like input from others. Christine to be supported by Helen and Liz in doing this in early November. Christine to set up meeting. Liz said she could photocopy it at the community centre. It was noted that the transcribed 'memories' collected at the open day could be used.

3.3 (8) Ann, Cynthia, Glenis and Judith went to Great Yarmouth to see *St Georges Park* as an example of a park that has Green Flag status. The group was given a copy of the 'management plan' which had been used to get the award and handed it to Fiona to share with Simon Meakes. Judith asked for the document to be returned later. The park is in a different area from Eaton Park and users and the park may have different needs.

Ann said she felt St Georges Park had been spoilt by the changes. Judith said the visit help showed how applying for the scheme can be used to develop a park.

Fiona said that in a recent visit, a Green Flag judge had said she felt the park was already excellent and that very few changes would need to be made. Eva suggested that Green Flag status be added to future agendas to allow further discussion as necessary.

3.4 (8) Fiona has raised the idea of installing bollards near the *South Park Avenue entrance* to the park as a safety measure. This will impact on trees so a tree officer will now be involved.

Judith reported that Norwich City Council is planning to put double yellow lines around the entrance to the park to stop parents parking there and make it safer for collecting children from school.

**4. Correspondence**

Christine has had several *phone calls which had come from people visiting the website*. These included people asking whether people can take dogs in the park or have picnics. She's also had enquiries about a visit by the Titanic to the boating lake. Christine has asked Ron Richardson to supply FOEP with details for the website.

Eva has been contacted by a family who were concerned that it was not possible to get a *drink of water at the park*. Peter thought it unlikely that the NCC would install a drinking fountain because of hygiene concerns. Kevin asked whether it might be possible to install a drinking water tap in each loo so that people could re-fill water

bottles. Fiona said she would look in to this.

## 5. **Treasurer's Report**

Kevin reported there is £1775.12 in the bank.

## 6. **Events programme**

6.1 *Arnold Hoskins is doing the next talk on Thursday 25 September.* He doesn't have slides but says he can 'paint a picture' with his talk. He is asking for a donation to the Norwich and District Society of Model Engineers. Kevin suggested £20 – this was agreed. Helen to email committee members with pdf of poster to send to friends and to send information to user groups. Ann and Judith offered to arrive and set up at 7pm.

6.2 *Venue for talks:* In the event of audiences increasing in size for talks, Kevin suggested the café as a venue. Nick agreed to ask Femi whether this might be possible. Liz agreed ask her Kung Fu contact whether he might consider releasing the Community Centre Hall for occasional one-off talks.

6.3 *Open day 2009:* Kevin has talked to the Model Yacht Club. They can do any day apart from Father's Day. Barry Steel from the Norwich and District Model Engineers suggested a date when the ground level railway is running. NCC hasn't booked bands yet and is happy to work around us. **Sunday 7 June** was agreed. Helen agreed to email user groups with this date and attach the pdf about the talk.

It was agreed that a sub-committee/s be formed to organize this event and that formation of the sub-committee be placed on the agenda for the October meeting.

## 7. **Conservation work**

7.1 David North of Norfolk Wildlife Trust has contacted Judith about *Breathing Spaces* to set up an initial meeting to discuss how the monies and advice can be used. Fiona said she has had an initial meeting to look at ideas. Judith proposed setting up a working party to meet with David. Vic, Cynthia, Glenis, and Liz offered to join Judith in the group which has the potential to become FOEP's conservation sub-committee. Fiona agreed to type up her meeting notes and circulate them to this group.

It was agreed that the old and new woodland areas and the bats are areas of interest. It was also agreed that the group would like NWT to provide advice that could be used to support future applications.

7.2 Glen said that the cycle speedway club appreciated the work that had been done by FOEP and *Norwich Fringe* on the young woods north of the cycle speedway track. He asked whether there were any plans to work on the other small wood? This brought up the need to set up a planning meeting with Norwich Fringe to discuss further work which would be likely to include these woods. Judith agreed to set up a meeting with Norwich Fringe and Vic, Cynthia, Glenis and Liz to take this forward.

7.3 Judith handed over the new insurance policy for the FOEP's conservation work for Helen to file with other company information.

## 8. **Membership update**

8.1 Kevin reported that there are currently 18 members.

- 8.2 The group has been refused registration for gift aid. This because the constitution mentions that if the group folds, remaining monies will be given to user groups, some of which don't have charitable status. Judith suggested this be raised and changed appropriately at the AGM. Kevin agreed to seek clarification.
- 8.3 Vic asked whether NCC would extend the benefits of the Go For Less scheme to members of the Friends of Eaton Park and other park user groups. Fiona to look in to this. Nick said he would ask whether the café could offer members a 10% discount.

9. **Any other business**

- 9.1 Christine and Liz have typed up all the memories and Christine is going to put these on the website.
- 9.2 Christine's allotment scheme 'Grow your own' at Bluebell South allotments on The Avenues is having an open day on Saturday 20 September from midday to 4pm. All are welcome.
- 9.3 Judith reported that that NCC has obtained planning permission for the new skate park.
- 9.4 Glen asked whether the city may consider installing floodlights for the cycle Speedway track. Fiona agreed to raise this with John Osbourne and ask whether it might be possible for them to have the old lights from the skate park?
- 9.5 Glen reported that Norwich Stars Cycle Speedway have made a second successful application to Awards for All – this is for a new container, more shale surface and potentially terracing. Fiona suggested Glen write to her to formally open discussions with Norwich City Council about the creation of possible terracing.

10. **Date, time and place of next meetings**

Eaton Park's Model Railway, talk by Arnold Hoskins, 7.30pm on Thursday 28 September 2008 (set up from 7pm)

Thursday 30 October 2008 at 7pm in the Community Centre

AGM, Thursday 27 November at 7pm in the Community Centre