

**Friends of Eaton Park**  
**Committee Meeting held in Eaton Park Community Centre**  
**Thursday 26 February 2009 at 7pm**

1. **Minutes of last meeting**

These were agreed.

2. **Matters arising**

These would be covered in the agenda.

3. **Correspondence**

3.1 Norwich Evening News covered Eaton Park and Green Flag status in a recent article. Helen provided a quote on behalf of Eva. The newspaper clipping was circulated.

3.2 Judith has received a cheque for £213 from Waitrose. She will prepare a thank you poster and ask if Waitrose will put it up for their customers to see.

3.3 Information has been received on Grassroots Grants through Norfolk Community Foundation which has £80,000 remaining this financial year. Ann and Judith agreed they would look into putting together a bid.

4. **Treasurer's Report**

4.1 Kevin reported that at 23/2/9 FOEP had £2100.34 in its account. Restricted funds include £714.37 from Norwich City Council and £123.75 from Breathing Spaces. Before the end of February we need to inform Breathing Spaces how we intend to spend these funds.

4.2 From April FOEP will need to pay for use of the meeting room. Kevin proposed and it was agreed that we would pay for this in advance for the whole of 2009 with funds from the Norwich City Council Grant.

5. **Survey questionnaire**

Press release to be sent out to inform people of the survey. Survey Monkey (the free, on-line questionnaire service) to be used in addition to completion of hard-copy forms.

Helen and Christine to revise the questionnaire in the light of Fiona's most recent comments and to consider shortening the form, which is currently quite exhaustive. Agreed to focus on what people like, don't like and would like to see from the park.

Kevin suggested having questionnaires at the Friends stall on Sunday 7 June. This was agreed and a decision was taken to keep the survey open until the end of the year.

6. **Environmental update**

6.1 Fiona reported that Paul Holley has suggested a *spring summer meadow*. He recommends spending up to £500 and has suggested two possible sources for plants and some ideas for British species. Judith proposed and it was agreed that we spend £300 on plug plants and yellow rattle seed which will help keep the existing grass down. This to come from NCC's restricted funds. Planting will happen in the coming weeks and FOEP will review how this goes and then decide whether to spend any more.

Work in days for plug-planting agreed to be Friday 27 March and Saturday 4 April 10am to midday. Fiona agreed to provide the tools for the task. Judith agreed to obtain the plants.

Publicity - Christine to put it on the website. Judith to send invitations to FOEP members and Helen to do press listing.

- 6.2 *Hiding the irrigation plan* on the pitch and put. This was one of the action points from Norfolk Wildlife Trust's report. Fiona no longer has plants available. FOEP agreed to look into the possibility of buying and planting out appropriate British shrubs, climbers and trees, possibly using Breathing Spaces monies. As a guide 5 plants are needed every metre. Judith agreed to get costs for the plants.
- 6.3 *Moth Hunt*. The date under consideration is Saturday 13 June. Peter Walton has said that he could do this for £120. We need to agree how long the event will be and whether electricity is needed. There is also a need to check whether Peter is CRB checked if children are to visit. Fiona agreed to call Peter to ask about these areas.
7. **June event**  
Agreed simple listing to be included in Norwich City council brochure highlighting the band, train rides and the boating lake and opportunity to meet the Friends of Eaton Park.
8. **Any other business**  
Judith said a recent EDP article had raised the question of Captain Sandys Winch who had created this and other parks and the fact that he had been responsible for creating the park. She suggested the Friends consider making interpretation or a memorial of some kind to his work one of their future project. Ann commented that we should also remember the work of the unemployed men, including Harry's father who worked for Sandys Winch. The Friends agreed with these suggestions. Options discussed include a plaque, information panel or a statue. The Friends agreed to keep this item on the agenda as a possible future project.
9. **Date, time and place of next meeting**  
7pm on Thursday 26 March at Eaton Park Community Centre.