

**Friends of Eaton Park  
Committee Meeting held in Eaton Park Community Centre  
Thursday 28 January 2010 at 7pm**

**1. Minutes of last meeting**

**2. Matters arising**

2.1 (3.4) **Bikes access, South Park Avenue.** One gate has been improved. No feedback yet on second gate.

2.2 (10.1) **Parking.** Judith reported Norwich City council is going to do a review of parking in and around Earlham Park. They will be consulting widely and will send us a copy of the consultation leaflet, which is due to go out in February. User groups might wish to encourage members to travel by other means than by car.

**3. Correspondence**

3.1 Fiona has written to say that work will start on the new skate park on 1 February and it is estimated that this will take 14 weeks.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

In December we paid for some stationery and got a new member. These were the only financial transactions. We have £1,575.97 in the bank, all of which is unrestricted funds. The meeting agreed expenditure of £120 for the tree identification walk and further walks, tbc.

**5. Membership**

5.1 Jemma reported that regretfully, she is going to be leaving the committee but plans to finish the work she's started on the membership to bring things up to date. Christine thanked Jemma for her help so far and wished her luck with her new projects. She also asked Jemma to keep in touch with us over the new Friends of Earlham Park group.

5.2 Christine suggested amending FOEP membership form to include tick boxes for people to use to indicate areas of activity in which they would be interested in getting involved.

It was noted that when Jemma formally steps down there will be one place available on the committee. It was agreed that we discuss who to co-opt and the question of membership secretary at the next meeting.

**6. Events**

6.1 Andy Anderson will be talking on **Friday 12 March** about his book '**The Captain and the Norwich Parks**'.

**Action**

Helen to produce a poster. All to help with distribution using our existing poster distribution list.

6.2 Peter Walton is keen to do a dawn chorus walk from 6am to 9am walking through the park and down to the Broad, possibly incorporating a

breakfast. Judith proposed scheduling the walk to coincide with 'Discovering Places' (1-3 May), a programme of events as part of the Cultural Olympiad.

**Action**

Judith to approach **Peter Walton** about doing the Dawn Chorus Walk on **Saturday 1 May** and also about another moth hunt and a bat evening.

- 6.3 Judith suggested the possibility of joining in **Heritage Open days**, 9-12 September 2010. The idea was received enthusiastically.

**Action**

It was agreed that Helen Mitchell contact organisers Norwich HEART to express interest in taking part this year.

- 6.4 Helen reported on plans for a festival in the park this **July** promoting the **Five Ways to Wellbeing**.

**Action**

Helen and Julie are in touch with Oz Osbourne the organiser and will feed back to the group on developments.

- 6.5 Julie reported that this year's **Santa Run** will be on **Sunday 5 December**.

- 6.6 Judith noted that Eva's **first aid qualification** is about to run out. It was agreed that FOEP should support Eva in getting it renewed. Eva confirmed she is happy to support FOEP events as first aider.

**Action**

Judith to ask Fiona about First aid courses and paying for Eva's qualification to be updated.

7. **Environment**

Glenys reported that bulbs have been planted at the rotunda and beech near the tennis courts. Glenys and Judith have retained some beech and plan to plant them to fill in some remaining gaps. Glenys and Judith reported that FOEP member Mahesh had asked whether we are given access to plants when they are being split in the winter, and there are often strap plants.

**Action**

Judith agreed to look at the wildlife plan and see what we might do next; ask Simon Meeks about the possibility of us to be given spare plants and take responsibility for the wildlife scrap book.

Julie agreed to ask at Notcutts what they do with excess stock.

8. **Fundraising**

Helen and Christine have not yet met but hope to do so before the next meeting.

9. **Scrap book**

Liz agreed to set up and maintain a scrap book of Eaton Park press coverage.

10. **Any other business**

- 10.1 Kevin reported that some of the bulbs planted at the band stand have been taken.
- 10.2 Eva is starting to offer board games in the café for a couple of hours on Sunday afternoons.
- 10.3 Julie has approached Fiona about Peter's old office and the possibility of opening it on Friday and Saturday evenings as a drop-in centre for young people. Fiona supports the idea and is going to put it to Simon Meeks. Julie is also talking to the Matthew Street project and the Norfolk Youth Groups (who have a bus) about doing some work in the park. FOEP supported the idea and agreed that Julie and Judith could represent FOEP in development work.

11. **Friends of Eaton Park, 2010 meeting dates.**

Thursday 25 February  
Thursday 25 March  
Thursday 29 April  
Thursday 27 May  
Thursday 24 June  
Thursday 29 July  
Thursday 30 September  
Thursday 28 October  
AGM, Thursday 25 November

All meetings are held in Eaton Park Community Centre at 7pm.

12. **Date, time and place of next meeting**

Thursday 25 February 2010 at 7pm