

**Friends of Eaton Park
Committee Meeting held in Eaton Park Community Centre
Thursday 25 February 2010 at 7pm**

1. Minutes of last meeting

These were agreed.

2. Matters arising

2.2 (2.2) Fiona has confirmed one **gate has been removed** from South Park Avenue and the situation is being monitored. So far there has been one complaint. There are problems with flooding at the other gate and these need to be resolved before the gate is removed.

6.6 **First Aid courses** – it is hoped that Greenspaces will offer subsidised first aid training. Kevin agreed to find out whether Voluntary Norfolk has any free courses planned.

10.3 Fiona has confirmed that the **Matthew Street Project** has been given the go ahead to use Peter's old room in the rotunda on Friday and Saturday evenings. They will be supported in their work with young people by the Safer Neighbourhood team and Norfolk youth groups.

3. Correspondence

3.1 Fiona has emailed to say that work has started on the **skate park** but that it is being slightly hampered by the weather.

3.2 Jemma has written to confirm she is standing down as **membership secretary**.

4. Treasurer's Report

We have £1598.97 in the bank and have received income this month of £25 in new memberships.

5. Events

5.1 Andy Anderson talk, Friday 12 March

- o Liz confirmed the hall has been booked.
- o Set up from 7pm for 7.30pm talk.
- o Liz and Janet to organise teas.
- o Helen and Christine will bring biscuits.
- o We will ask for a donation towards FOEP and the refreshments.
- o Kevin agreed to buy a book token for £15 as a thank you for Andy Anderson.
- o Christine to introduce the event.
- o Helen to remind Norwich Society they are welcome to sell copies of the book.

5.2 Next events

Tree Identification Walk, Richard Hobbs, Sunday 25 April, 10am to 1pm.

Dawn Chorus Walk, Peter Walton, Saturday 1 May, 6 to 9am.

Moth Hunt, Peter Walton, Saturday 3 July.

- o Christine to do risk assessments.
- o Helen to do joint poster for the first two events and bring copies to next meeting.
- o Helen to do press listings.
- o Christine to confirm booking and fee for tree walk with Richard Hobbs.

5.3 Future events

Butterfly Week - Christine has been contacted by local organisers of the week in August. They are considering setting up an info stand at Eaton Park during the week.

Bird ringing – Christine reported that Dr Ian Bar is planning to do some bird ringing in Eaton Park. He would be happy for people to attend the activity and can be trained if they are interested.

Heritage Open Days, Saturday 11 September – Helen has talked to Norwich HEART and they are pleased we want to get involved. We are now on their mailing list to receive a registration form.

The initial idea is for a walking tour incorporating visits to the railway and boating lake and the chance for members of NDSME and NMBC to talk about the histories of their groups too. Christine expressed interest in leading a tour and Helen suggested other members may also wish to be trained up to take tours.

Mental Health Alliance Day, Saturday 11 September – Oz Osbourne has updated Helen on the event. It is going to coincide with Heritage Open Days. Oz is going to meet the events team at Norwich City Council to discuss the day. It was agreed that the 'clash' with Heritage Open Days is probably an opportunity that will make it more worth our while putting up the display boards and having an FOEP table.

6. Environmental activities

6.1 Fiona has asked whether we can keep an eye on the **new hedging** and the **perennials** and let her know if they need water. Cynthia confirmed the group is already doing this. There is a bit more planting to do. Fiona asked if we could put wood chips around the new planting.

6.2 Fiona is getting a **maintenance schedule for the perennials** from an expert and will pass this on to us.

Agreed

Cynthia agreed to put out the wood chips. Christine to confirm this with Fiona.

7. Fundraising

7.1 Helen and Christine are currently too busy to undertake fundraising and we do, at present, **have funds available to deliver our current plans**. There is a need to recruit more members who can share some of the 'desk-based' workload.

7.2 Christine has asked Simon Meeks for 2-3 new **notice boards**. She now has a key to the existing notice board and has asked Nick if we can have an info board in the café.

8. Membership

Christine is currently looking after the membership and has written twice with updates. It was agreed she write again to ask if anyone would be interested in taking on the membership.

9. Any other business

9.1 Vic suggested we contact the **Eaton Park Community Association** to see if any of their members would like to get involved with FOEP.

9.2 **Model Yacht Club** members are meeting with Norwich City Council to discuss parking.

9.3 Liz raised the question of **dog mess** in the park. Christine agreed to write to Fiona.

10. Date of next meeting

On Thursday 25 of March at 7.30pm in Eaton Park Community Centre.