

MINUTES

Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground Committee Meeting

Date | time Monday 12th January 2015 7:30-9pm | *Meeting called to order by* Sue Burden (Chair)

In Attendance

Committee Members:

Sue Burden (Chair)

Anna Gilbert (Treasurer)

Katy Robins (Co-Secretary)

Erica Griffiths

Councillor David Linnette,

Other Attendees:

Colin Cooper (South West London Environment Network)

Anna Marshall

Rita Church

Apologies

Dean Martin, Dan Benham, Peter Hart, Pam Ibrahima, Michael Fletcher

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 11th November were approved.

Meeting Objectives

- To update the meeting attendees on action points from the last meeting.

Playground Sub-Group

Katy Robins updated the committee. The results of the consultation regarding the playground are not yet available but are expected to be completed in the next fortnight. These will be made available to Committee members as soon as they are received.

Environment Sub-Group

In the absence of members of the sub-group, Sue Burden updated the Committee with regard to the poppy meadow. SB showed the meeting attendees a map of the rec and agreed suggestions were to have the meadow / an additional site in the top-right corner of the park, the opposite side to the puppy training enclosure..

SB showed meeting attendees the proposed plan for benches. All the sites were agreed and Yvonne Kelleher's plan regarding the priority of each bench were also agreed. The committee also requested that bins be placed next to benches where larger groups are likely to gather. Furthermore, it was noted that security of houses on the perimeter of the park and the protection of trees must be considered when installing benches.

Action: Discuss with Yvonne Kelleher at visit to the Rec

Dog walking Sub-Group

Pam Ibrahima sent an update in her absence. Pam and Marc Almond (from Continental Landscapes, the Richmond Council contractor) are monitoring dog poo at the rec and will write a report after one month of monitoring. The council will then place signs in problematic areas.

With regard to the Dog Club, Dog Show and photographic competition, Pam informed the Committee that lots of dog-owners have expressed an interest in these activities.

Family/Community Event

Sue and Anna have completed the Event permission paperwork and submitted the request to Richmond Council. The date is Saturday 27th June 2015. Funding is being sought from the Civic Pride Fund. More news at the next meeting.

AOB

Parking inside the Rec

There was a discussion regarding increasing parking inside the Rec and concern was raised about this increasing in the past few months. It was felt this was by people hiring / using the Pavilion, particularly at weekends. This was causing potential issues as follows:

- Obvious safety problems with children playing in an area where vehicles are coming and going
- The grass in front of the Pavilion is becoming churned up by tyre tracks
- Dancer Road also becomes more congested with cars - residents are finding it difficult to park their own cars at busy periods.

It was proposed that hirers of the Pavilion are told in advance as part of the T&Cs that:

- They cannot bring vehicles onto the Rec
- To park in North Road (where there is a lot more parking space) and for this gate to be left open instead of Dancer Road gate for after hours access
- To come with their own trolleys to transport any heavy items from the North Road gate to the Pavilion

In addition, this policy should be carefully communicated to Continental Landscapes,

Action: KR to ask council for the current policy on parking inside the Rec. If the policy is not being followed or requires updating then the Committee will ask the council to collaborate with the users of the Rec (Lemontree group, Continental Landscapes for example) and agree a policy and for this policy to be clearly communicated by signs etc.

Stickers

The issue of unlawful mounting of stickers / posters inside the rec was raised. Some had unlawful and undesirable messages. The Committee asked that prior to removing any stickers/posters, that they are photographed and sent to the Police / Council as relevant so that they can tackle this themselves. Furthermore, it is useful for the Committee to be informed if this continues so that we can follow up with the Council/police too.

Mud from weekend football

The issue of mud from football boots on pathways inside the Rec and pavements outside was raised.

Action: KR to ask KPR to send a reminder to their coaches and players to ask them to avoid this if possible by removing their football boots pitchside / using the pitchside brushes.

Fences

A committee member informed the meeting that the fence that was replaced at the far end of the park had not included the additional chain-link top that had been there previously.

Action: KR to request to the council to follow up with this issue as it has been raised by a resident already.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 10th Feb, 7:30pm in the Pavilion Café