



Public Meeting - Wednesday 11th March 2020 830 – 930pm
Meeting held in the Orange Tree PH, Highfield Road, N21

Meeting chaired and supported by: Toni Guiver, Caroline Wilmer, Soulla Taylor, Elaine Hassan and Lisa Chapman (Thank you Lisa for the minutes☺)

1. Update from last meeting and agreed minutes.

2. Charity News

Just completed our first year as a registered charity and we still have some vacancies for trustees that we would like to fill to drive the charity forward for 2020. If members of the public are interested please can they contact the friends with their preferred support/role. Membership forms available on the website or can email the Friends for one.

3. Transformation update

The Friends are meeting with the council's property Director, Mark Bradbury tomorrow, so unfortunately an update will not be available until the next public meeting or will be shared by social media if appropriate).

4. Future dates: All depend upon the outcome of government guidance and Covid.

- April – All agreed that quiz will be postponed due to Covid 19 Virus as too soon to plan around covid restrictions if any are in place by then.
- April 11th Easter Egg hunt – More details on this will be posted on the notice boards in the wetlands. May not go ahead!
- May 17th – National Childrens Day – postponed – possibly 11th July!
- June – which will be the AGM – proposed date of 16th
- October Tues 6th public meeting
- October 31st Saturday 4th Annual Halloween – 'Spooky walk in the woods'
- November 2020 – Japanese Cheery trees are due to be planted by the Friends

Actions:

Easter Egg hunt and Litter picking competition:– Caroline agreed to approach Sarah Hayes of National Childrens Day UK as part of the litter campaign for 10 Alligator children's litter pickers.

Caroline is also able to obtain Easter Eggs from Felix

Toni to approach the chair of NCDUK to postpone the 17th May event to a later date just before schools break up possible date Sunday July 12th.

- 5. Halloween 2020:** Soulla suggested meet up for Halloween workshop to be first Friday of the month at 1pm. Get in touch via fbk if interested in joining in the craft workshops. Agreed a budget of £300 for materials but donations welcome.

Next Halloween craft meeting will be 3rd April.

6. Issues in Firs Farm

- a. Interpretation at the Stumpery area needs repairing and the Pond board needs some special screws to attach the boards to prevent tampering of these.

Action: Caroline to get screws for notice boards. Carpenter needed for notice board repair for stumpery area and future wood projects ie music wall, mud kitchen.

- b. **A10 entrance by the cemetery**

We will have more about this after tomorrow's meeting with the council as the works at the entrance should be completed by now – the boulders should be restored, a notice board in place, fence with planted hedge (during planting season only) and safety measure to prevent children from heading straight out on to the A10 will be agreed and installed – possible a kissing gate / some kind of barrier other than bollards is planned.

No AOB – Meeting End