

# Friends of Holders Lane and Pebble Mill Fields Committee

## Minutes

### Meeting of the committee on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 at Christ Church, 963 Pershore Road

| <u>Attendees (alphabetically)</u> |          | <u>Apologies / Non-attend (alphabetically)</u> |
|-----------------------------------|----------|--|
| Carey B                           | Joseph K | Peter B  |
| Linda B                           | Maggie L | Cath C   |
| Katy B                            | Bill M   |  |
| Matthew B                         | Ben P    |  |
| Helen G                           |          |  |

## AGENDA

- 1 – Minutes of previous meeting (18<sup>th</sup> Sept).
  - 2 – Report of on-going actions.
  - 3 – Communications (to include: website; newsletter; communications policy; people not on email and mailing lists).
  - 4 – Meeting with Councillors – update.
  - 5 – Any other meetings – update (none currently).
  - 6 – Aims and Objectives.
  - 7 – Discussion of actions list.
  - 8 – Co-option of other members.
  - 9 – Any other business.
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1. Minutes of previous meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 were agreed by the committee as a true record of the meeting. The following actions arose from the actions minuted:-

- Bill has set up the website – on-going design & development.
- Bill has viewed some additional friends of sites – still researching
- Helen spoke to council about notice boards – agreement to use Cannon Hill and Highbury straight away. To discuss setting up our own at a meeting in the next month.
- Katy & Carey looked at a draft constitution which led to lots of discussions about what we think our aims and objectives should be (further discussed in item 6)
- Matt – draft mission statement – ongoing.
- Matt – still working on setting up meeting with Karen McCarthy and Lisa Trickett.
- Helen – brought in the covenant documents to view.

**ACTION:** Helen to scan and send documents to all and find out more information from Fiona Tyson.

**Katy to research possible covenant on the Avenues?**

**Matt to speak to Andy Foster**

**Linda to speak with local historical group.**

2. Report of on-going actions.

Following email discussions with Simon Cooper – Constituency Parks Manager about notice boards, agreed to approach for a meeting for further discussions.

**ACTION: Helen to arrange meeting with Simon. Matt, Carey and Joseph to also attend if can arrange to suit all.**

3. Communications.

Discussions on website functionality and looks. Also as to the other options for on-line communication.

**ACTION: A sub-group formed to look at website in more detail and consider options of Facebook and Twitter. To report back at next meeting.**

**Comms Subgroup: Bill, Katy, Ben, Matt, Maggie, Joseph**

Carey also suggested there was a need to look at other ways of communicating other than electronic, which needs further discussion / consideration.

4. Meeting with Councillors.

**ACTION: Matt to continue to try and get a meeting set up – councillors busy.**

5. Any other meetings:

Discussions on how to get more community interest in the area (events, raising awareness, etc.)

**ACTION: Helen to contact Alf Dimmock (Snr. Ranger Hall Green & Selly Oak Ranger Hub) initially to open discussions about ranges of activities for all.**

6. Aims and Objectives.

A lengthy discussion took place on this item. Key issues discussed were

- What should be the vision for the way forward
- Should the Friends Group simply oppose change entirely or keep options open to engage with proposals that may be put forward
- What specific actions were required to achieve the general aims of safeguarding and enhancing the space as set out in the enabling document agreed at the 11 September meeting
- What principles should underlie the position of the Friends Group in any negotiation/discussion on proposals (“bottom lines”).

Further discussion is required to fully identify & agree actions on these issues, which will be carried forward to subsequent committee meetings. The following actions were agreed:

**ACTION: All - consider ways to raise awareness amongst the local community. How do we gain a voice, how do we bring the community together?**

**ACTION: All - consider how to engage more people from Holders Lane.**

7. Discussion on actions list.

Carried out during other items of the meeting.

8. Co-opting of other members.

The committee unanimously voted to co-opt Rosemary Radford onto the committee.

9. Any other business

**ACTION: Helen to contact absent committee members to update.**

**Helen to invite Sarah (Open Space) to the next meeting.**

**Helen to book next meeting for 31<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm – 9pm. (DONE)**