

Friends of Woodthorpe Grange Park Meeting – 26 July 2023

Welcome and apologies

PS introduced the meeting

Attendance – Paul Swift (Chair), Matt Wilson (Treasurer), Hilary Thumpston (NCC), Peter Wood, Linda Wood, Janet Grimley, Mavis Broomhall

Apologies – Judith Swift (ill), Marian Staniforth

Minutes of last meeting 31st May 2023 were agreed.

NCC Update from HT:

Mosaic – now installed with an unveiling on 1st August 2023.

Japanese Knotweed – a private company has been hired to manage this. Advice to pass on to the Council.

The train sculpture restoration – the same artist will provide a quote expected in August 2023

Pitch & Putt – HT clarified that was part of a cost saving exercise that was offered as part of a wider call for savings across the Council. A private company could take it over.

Finance

(i) Income

Subs continue to come in. PS is tracking. There are 12 paid members (5 family & 7 individual).

MW confirmed that £866.42 is the latest total from the October 2022-September 2023 Co-op Community Fund. MW suggested that the FoWGP should have £1000 by October. The only concern could be short term cashflow for orders before October 2023 given the balance is currently around £200. MW has a cheque to pay in for membership and needs to visit the nearest TSB branch that will accept cheques (West Bridgford) or via the Post Office.

(ii) Expenditure

MW has re-imbursed PS £72.99 for the new FoWGP banner. Thanks given to PS for creating and ordering this. PS confirmed that £145.07 annual subs for the website is a required expenditure. Linda - Wheelbarrow and plants that could be purchased. A memorial tree for former chair Alex Staniforth and passed away is planned. PS suggested that Life Membership should be provided to Marion Staniforth. All agreed.

AOB

- PS mentioned about a Ghost Walk around the park.
- PW is organising a tree walk for the coming Sunday 30th July 2023
- Dogs Grave restoration – HT to chase up
- Parks and Open Spaces Forum – Thurs 27th 6pm @ Greens Windmill

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11th October 2023 at 6.30pm. This will also be the AGM.