

Friends of Palewell Common & Fields

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th August 2012 at 7.00 p.m. in the Club Room

Present: Andy Sutch (Chairman) Jacqui Pattison, David Evans, Dhun Kenny, Angela Howorth.

1. Apologies for absence: Rikki Marks, Bernard Adams

2. Minutes of the Meeting on 11th July 2012: Approved. Andy Sutch updated the Committee on the current position of various ongoing matters.

Cricket: Richmond Council do not want to do anything about the pitches on Palewell Common until 2013.

Club Room damp: no progress to date - waiting resolution by LBRuT of dispute with builders.

Nursery Planning Application: Nothing has happened as yet and is still at the assessment stage, there are no dates on the website.

3. Treasurer's Report: David Evans reported a bank balance of £1,678. at the end of July, he confirmed that a cheque for £50 to Pistaschio's would reduce the balance to £1,628. AS handed DE a cheque for £100 which he had received from Sport Richmond to assist in providing Basket balls, another tennis coach and other general expenses for the Join In Day on 19th August. DE is budgeting £40/£50 to provide Pimms for Friends of Palewell Common on the day.

4. Join in Weekend 19th August: AS will print leaflets which the Committee will deliver on Thursday/Friday to the roads adjacent to Palewell Common. DK will put up a Poster at All Saints Church and other local sites.

AS confirmed the schedule for the day:

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| Golf: | from 11.00 am |
| Tennis: | 12 noon to 2.00 pm |
| Volleyball: | 12 noon onwards |
| Boules: | 11.00 am to 12.30 pm - Introduction 1.30 pm onwards - Tournaments |
| Junior Basketball shooting competition: | 12.00 noon onwards |
| Mini dog training and handling for kids: | 2 - 4 pm |

AS has had three small junior basket balls donated. There will be a competition for the best scorer either timed or a number of shots and the winner will receive a basketball.

Golf will be from 11.00 a.m. for most of the day and players will be given advice by the Golf Pro on the first green.

JP will liaise with Vets on White Hart Lane who will be attending.

The Gazebo will be put up at about 10.00 a.m.

Volleyball will be laid out by 11.00 a.m. behind the Boules. Richmond Volleyball Club will organize this.

Walks in the woods has not yet been confirmed.

DK will set up a Members table and other Committee members will assist her in encouraging more local residents to join the Friends. She will collect the Friends banner from Robin Laidlaw. Drinks for Friends from 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. will be organised by DE. Two tables will be borrowed from the Club Room.

5. Thames 21: AS, DE and JP had had a meeting with Debbie Leach of Thames 21 to discuss their proposal to fund improvements to Beverley Brook. JP said she was very keen that we have the advantage of their funding. Thames 21 knew of the problem of waste from Worcester Park, improvement of water quality was important. Their proposal to change the course of Beverley Brook was not a pre condition for the scheme and they suggested a meeting on the 20th September with the Committee to discuss possible improvements. The borough plan shows the importance of the vista. The Committee welcomed the opportunity to discuss the proposal more fully and to voice their concerns.

6. Richmond Council Village Plans - East Sheen Area: JP had obtained a copy of the Village Plan for the East Sheen Area. AS had read it and other committee members would also read it and discuss it at the next meeting. DE said that there were some errors and we should note them e.g. the map of Palewell was not correct.

7. BTCV dates for 2012/13: RM had met with Simon of BTCV and JP will check which dates had been suggested. DE confirmed that he had made provision for this in the budget.

8. Any Other Business: AS informed the Committee that Richmond Council were behind in their proposals to outsource the management of tennis and golf and we were unlikely to hear any firm proposals until the New Year. The potential savings on out sourcing may not be as good as the Council had hoped for and this may be partly the cause of the delay. AS informed the Committee that he had had an interesting conversation with a consultant who had recently been appointed by Richmond to advise on outsourcing generally and on tennis and golf in particular, he had only been briefed about a week ago. Another reason for the delay could be that the person responsible for this proposal at Richmond Council is now covering Kingston as well. The plan is to set up a date early in the New Year to meet each contractor separately.

Date of Next Meeting: 20th September 2012 at 6.00 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.