

**Minutes of Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods Committee Meeting at 6.30pm
3 October 2023 by Zoom**

Present:

Jane Andrews

John Bray

Karen King

Claire Osborn

Kirsty Blackman

Penny Read idverde

Apologies: Jonathan Lynch

1. Welcome & discuss minutes of last meeting

It was noted that the minutes of the previous Committee meeting were not available, and it was agreed to clear the minutes of this meeting and the previous meeting at our next meeting.

Action point 1: John to send out March minutes for approval

Action point 2: Jane to amend AGM minutes and include them in the June newsletter, as well as adding them to the website in due course.

2. Update on projects

2.1 Benches

Petts Wood Residents Association funding 3 of their own benches with idverde assistance.

Action point 3: Jane to provide bench plan to Penny

2.2 Outreach

Jane led a walk for 25 people in August, and gave a talk to the Petts Wood Residents Association. £25 donations

2.3 Playground refurbishment

Equipment installed and Mayor swung on it.

2.4 Sewage monitoring

Kirsty provided an update, she's had lab results, but they are hard to interpret

Action point 4: Kirsty to provide monitoring information to Karen for her husband to interpret and to Jane to circulate to interested parties

2.5 Football container

No change.

Action point 5: John to ping contact clubs

2.6 Interpretation board grant bids

Quote for 2 A2 boards is more than expected at £6.5k, over £5k grant limit. A single board is £3250 to install in St Thomas Glade.

Action point 6: Jane to tell idverde

2.7 Motorcycles

FOCSW had been contacted by people concerned about motorbikes and horses in the wood.

3. Decisions sought

3.1 Hi-vis Jackets – seeking agreement to buy

A work party straw poll suggested they would be used. We will consider embroidered branded clothing later.

Action point 7: Jane to buy 5 medium, 5 large for about £80

3.2 people at work signs

Action point 8: John to ask FODNW of their experiences

3.3 orchard

The possibility was raised at of having an orchard in the recreation ground.

Action point 9: Jane and Kirsty to progress.

3.4 long grass at edge of recreation ground

Action point 10: Penny to get long grass cut and baled?.

3.5 leaflets

per 1000 3-way fold 140 A5 onesided £32 A5 two sided £47

Action point 11: Jane to buy 100 two-side A5

3.6 bridges

One replaced, we could use scavenged concrete to ease access to the other

3.7 Additional banner – seeking agreement to buy

The current 6 foot long banner was proving effective. A group member had strongly suggested that we also have a shorter 2 foot banner along the line of 'join here' . The last banner cost £42, so costs should be similar or less. This expenditure was agreed, and it was suggested that the banner include a QR code.

Action point 12: Jane to buy

4. Membership – Claire

96 members on mailing list.

Action point 13: Claire to send yearly reminder mentioning GPDR and asking for donations.

5. Treasurer's report - Karen

Update on financial position: £2088 in the current account, up by £80.

6. Future opportunities to widen awareness of FoC&SW – all

Karen reported wreath making workshop. costs £160 and £22/hour for 20 person hall. Suggested £20-£25 charge. We agreed to let her proceed.

Action point 14: Karen to pursue

7. Sat work group

Caroline Potter will run one on 21 October.

8. doggy day

Fun dog thing

Action point 15: Karen to plan

9. Crofton circular walk

Action point 16: John to audit

10. AOB

11. Agree timing and date of next meeting

6.30pm Tuesday 16 Jan 2024 by Zoom