



# Minutes

## Annual general meeting

**Tuesday 11 February 2020**

7.00pm, Brunel Walk Community Centre, 12 Brunel Walk, N15 5HQ

**Present:** Management Committee  
Charlotte Brennan (Chair),  
Robert How (Deputy Chair)  
Mike Daventry (Treasurer, minutes)

Members

Allan, Peter, Maggie, Sally, Lila, Warren (Roslyn Road)  
Amelia (Greenfield Road)

Charlie (2 Touch Rulz Football)  
Cllr Isidoros Diakides (Tottenham Green ward)  
Alice Hawken (Tottenham Green Local Area Coordinator, Haringey Council)  
Lily Labonte (Physical Activity Officer, Haringey Council)

**Apologies:** Sue (Greenfield Road)  
Daisy, Graham, Jeremy, Melissa, Nick (Roslyn Road)

### 1) Chair's report

The management committee jointly delivered a report on the Friends' activity since the last AGM in December 2018.

Robert said the Friends had put a lot of time into building strong relations with Haringey Council, which had delivered benefits in several areas.

On **park maintenance**, the Friends have taken part in litter picking and flowerbed maintenance sessions throughout the year, and are working with Haringey Council to formulate a proper grass cutting regime.

Charlotte said work was underway on developing the park's management plan, which will cover the strategy for managing its flower beds, verges and landscaping. It will particularly focus on the stretch of grass between the Roslyn Road and Greenfield Road entrances to the park, which are on a steep verge and unsuitable for other development.

A stretch of pathway was dug up by UK Power Networks, which is laying a major power cable between the nearby power station and Tottenham Hale, but the path was poorly relaid by the contractor. The Friends successfully worked with Haringey Council to call the contractor back to relay the path correctly.

On **safety**, an extra lamppost was installed and eventually activated near the outdoor gym area. The Friends understand there are plans to install two new CCTV cameras in the vicinity: one at the junction of Brunswick Road with West Green Road, and one on Greenfield Road. Both will be pointed in the direction of the park.

After a very difficult period that saw open drug-dealing, loud music and loitering around the park in the summers of 2017 and 2018, the situation concerning antisocial behaviour has seen a considerable improvement. However challenges still remain: drug dealing still continues and there have been reports of a gang on bicycles confronting park users. The Friends continue to engage with local people and the council on this matter.

On **physical activity**, the multipurpose games field has seen organised games of 2TR Football and basketball, in addition to plenty of casual use by park users. The council also provided gym classes during the warmer months from Curly, a fitness instructor, whose classes have been extremely impressive.

## 2) Planned projects

The Friends discussed some of their plans for the forthcoming period.

- *Children's playground:* while still safe for use, the playground beginning to show its age, with the equipment looking tired particularly when compared to the other rejuvenated parts of the park. It also attracts some antisocial behaviour, such as drinking, and some people have been observed sleeping overnight during the warmer months in the relatively hidden space between the rear of the playground and the outer perimeter of the park.

The Friends want to examine the possibility of refreshing the playground, extending the area to the outer perimeter and possibly installing new equipment in the additional space. Funding opportunities will be explored.

- *Floodlighting:* Charlie's 2 Touch Rules Football sessions have had a very positive effect on the park. In addition to increasing sporting activity, it has helped reduce

antisocial behaviour by people loitering in the area — many have even been invited to join in. However, games on the multipurpose games field are limited for much of the year by short daylight hours and can only realistically run sessions for children on a Saturday.

Installing floodlights around the pitch would increase weekday evening activity in the darker winter months and create a safer, more reassuring environment for all park users. The Friends have undertaken to establish how much it would cost to install floodlighting and explore ways to fund it.

- *Fields in Trust:* The council has been successful with an application to the Fields in Trust for £5,000 programme of physical activity to take place in the park from May 2020 and May 2021. Activities including 2TR Football, Basketball, Outdoor Gym sessions, Table Tennis, Boxing, Hula Hoops and Gardening projects will take place in the park beginning May 23.

### 3) Summer Party

This year's party will be held on Sunday 5 July with a tentative start time of 2pm. The date was picked so it did not clash with Wimbledon tennis finals and the Euro 2020 football final at Wembley the following weekend. It also marks the beginning of a week of Love Parks events across Haringey's parks.

Cllr Isidoros suggested offering gardening training on the day, so that locals could better understand how to maintain the park and their own gardens.

The Friends agreed to collaborate with their sister organisation the Fountain Area Residents' Association (FARA) on preparing for the event, repeating the successful partnership of previous years.

Robert mentioned the possibility, given Tottenham is producing a growing variety of locally brewed beers, of making this a licenced event, perhaps in collaboration with the local pub True Craft.

There were also proposals for a second local band to perform at the party, and for to organise a ceilidh dance.

## 4) Finance report

Mike said that since the last AGM in December 2018, the Friends had completed a major stage of its establishment by opening a bank account and were on a sound financial footing.

In June 2019 the Friends received a donation of £200 from True Craft towards the summer party. We were also awarded a £900 grant by Haringey Council to facilitate the party and to build up the Friends of Brunswick Park's profile. The latter portion of the funds were used towards establishing our new website — [www.brunswickpark.co.uk](http://www.brunswickpark.co.uk) — and to make T-shirts/sweatshirts carrying our logo for members to wear, which it is hoped will make us more approachable as we work in the park.

The Friends of Brunswick Park raised £260.99 from donations and selling cakes and raffle tickets at the summer party.

As of 11 February 2020, we currently have £550.52 in our bank account.

## 5) Election of officers

A proposal was made to replace the posts of Chair and Deputy Chair with two “Co-chair” positions. It was **agreed** unanimously that the constitution be amended to reflect this.

Charlotte was **elected** Co-Chair (nominated by Charlie and seconded by Allan);

Robert was **elected** Co-Chair (nominated by Charlotte, seconded by Maggie);

Mike was **elected** Treasurer (nominated by Robert, seconded by Peter);

Lila was **elected** Secretary (nominated by Charlotte, seconded by Warren).

## 6) AOB

Cllr Isidoros suggested producing a leaflet to distribute to local estates to help inform them of the Friends' work. Mike said there were funds still available from Haringey Council's grant to do this.

The date of the next public meeting: Tuesday 28 April 2020.