

# Friends of Brunswick Park Ad Hoc Meeting

June 19th 2022

(some updates to actions made on July 4th 2022)

**Attendees:** Neil Headlam, Charlotte Pink, Robert How, Melissa Friedberg, Vanessa Dobson, Barbara Blake (Councillor)

**Abbreviations:** BP - Brunswick Park, FoBP - Friends of BP, FoBPC - FoBP Committee, BVP - Brunswick Village People (local Whatsapp chat group covering c200 people), FARA - Fountain Area Residents Association,

*This meeting was intended to be the AGM but not all committee members could attend so we changed to an ad hoc session. Next committee meeting is July 4th at 7pm*

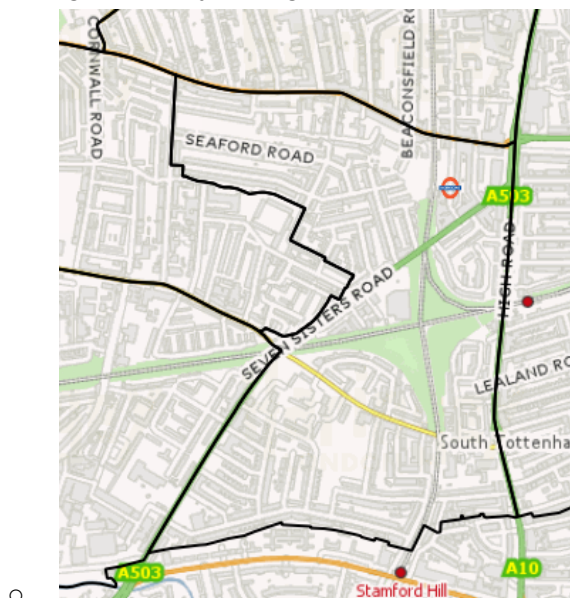
## Items covered

- New Councillors
- Summer Event
- Physical Improvements
- FoBP priorities

## Notes, **Decisions** and **Actions**

### New Councillors

- Following boundary changes, BP is now in Seven Sisters ward:



- Our councillors are Barbara Blake and Michelle Simmons-Safo
- Barbara lives just outside the ward in Rutland Gds (Harringay Gardens) where she has been for 27 years. Michelle lives in the ward on WGR
- Both councillors are learning their new area and challenges
- Barbara attended the meeting. She was a founder member of the Gardens RA and spoke about how getting involved in a local group increased her connection to her area
- Council changes have led to loss of some paths to funding. Is there anyone we can work with?
  - Barbara suggested “Annabel” who works under “Alex Scott” on Sustainability

## **Summer Event**

- **Activities**
  - Lily will arrange Mr Squash again and sports activities (RH)
  - *CVT might arrange an activity for kids - Robert to ask (RH)*
  - Mark might be able to do a kids storytime. He volunteers as a reader in schools and has a current DBS. Liz will ask (LL)
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- **Music**
  - The ska band are not available (CP)
  - We could do an open mike type event and ask local residents to do short music or spoken word performances (RH, NH)
  - We should make sure we have a core of definite yeses before we ask a wider group (LL)
  - We would need a PA (LL)
  - *Liz to ask Mark about the logistics of an event - permits, insurance etc (LL)*
  - *Liz to ask on the Friends group if anyone is interested in performing (LL)*
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- **Promotion**
  - Truecraft have shown some interest in selling a Brunswick Park pizza again - *Robert to chase up (RH)*
  - We should send a flyer to FoBP and BVP groups (RH)
- **Shelter**
  - Lily will provide gazebos (RH)
  - Fara could provide chairs - *Robert will ask (RH)*
- **Food**
  - Rather than trying to provide food, let's suggest people bring picnics (RH)
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- **Charity stall**
  - We will ask Friends to donate cakes to raise funds for the play area (All)
  - Probably a good idea to make sure we have a minimum group of people who have agreed so we know it's viable before we ask the wider group (LL)
- **Timing**
  - Volunteers should be there to set up around 11.30 / 12, event to run from 2 to 5

## Physical Improvements

### Children's play aea

- Robert asked if Barbara can help with getting the council to replace the swings. In particular, if FoB raise money for the play area can council match it?
- Barbara is supportive of play areas especially if they can be designed to support a wider age range - example Woodbury Down
- Barbar will speak to Simon Farrow (Interim Head of Parks and Leisure) and/or our main council contact Chris Paare
- **Standpipe**
  - A standpipe in the park would make a big difference to volunteers' ability to water. Currently all water has to be carried from residents' houses
  - Barbara noted that Chestnut Friends are able to keep a hose in the CP community center but we don't have a locked building
  - Some discussion whether we could have a locked storage box, possibly made of mesh to show there is no value and discourage opportunistic break ins

## FoBPC Priorities

- Agreed FoBPC current priorities are:
  - Summer Event
  - Play Area
  - Standpipe

## Summary of open actions

<b>Context</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Date assigned</b>	<b>Due date</b>	<b>Updates</b>
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask TVC if they can run a children's activity	Robert	June 19th	Fri Jul 8th	Robert called. Helena has left, just recruited, will be contacting. It's pencilled in

<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask Mark about the logistics of putting on live music for an event - permits, insurance etc	Liz	June 19th	Fri Jul 8th	Cost probably not worth it. Will ask volunteer musicians for suggestions
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Assuming live music is possible, ask on the Friends group if anyone is interested in performing	Liz	June 19th	Tue Jul 5th	
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Speak to Truecraft about Brunswick Pizza	Robert	June 19th	Fri Jul 8th	
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask if Fara could provide chairs	Robert	June 19th	Fri Jul 8th	Chairs belong to council, we probably can't have them. Suggest people bring camping chairs and picnic blankets
<b><u>Officerships</u></b>	Michael to provide bank details to Liz and arrange signatory for all	Michael	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 15th	
<b><u>Mowing</u></b>	Ask council to refund the cost of the hedgerow whips that were mowed by the contractor	Robert	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 8th	
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Put a general request on the FoBP group for ideas and volunteers to form a working group	Liz	May 9th 2022	Tue Jul 5th	Ask for volunteers for specific tasks (list to follow)

<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	ask if Doctor Bike will do a stall again	Robert	May 9th 2022		Closed - they are confirmed
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask if Cliff is interested in doing music	Robert	May 9th 2022		Will happen if it happens but don't plan around it
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask if Mark and Rod would be interested in doing music	Liz	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 8th	Mark possibly, Rod is away
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Michael will arrange insurance, with Liz shadowing to take over next time (M,LL)	Michael, Liz	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 15th	M will send a briefing to L and arrange the insurance. 12 months so the later the better
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	ask Lily if council can provide tables and chairs	Robert	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 8th	Can Lily do anything since we lost the Fara chairs?
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask on FoBP group for volunteers and donated cakes to sell	Liz	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 8th	
<b><u>Promotion of Park and Friends</u></b>	Ask on wider Friends group if anyone is interested in taking over the Facebook and Instagram pages	Liz	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 8th	
<b><u>Links to other groups and networks</u></b>	Ask Matt if arranging a team volunteer day through TCV is an option	Liz	May 9th 2022	On hold til we have a new contact	

<b><u>Permanent meeting space</u></b>	Ask council for 4 meetings a year with commitment for a minimum time	Robert	May 9th 2022		Ongoing conversation
<b><u>Charity status</u></b>	Apply for charitable status. Will contact committee members individually for contact details	Michael	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 15th	
<b><u>Charity status</u></b>	Get details on potential trustee liabilities if we register as a charity and on what grounds an exception to the £5K income can be made	Liz	May 9th 2022	31st July	
<b><u>Council elections</u></b>	write to thank councilor Diakides on behalf of the Friends for the support he gave the Park when councilor for Tottenham Green	-Robert- Liz	May 9th 2022	Fri Jul 8th	Also invite to party and thank him

## Closed actions

<b>Context</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Date assigned</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>	<b>Outcome</b>
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<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask Rod and Sara if they would be able to provide first aid cover	Liz	May 9th 2022	June 2022	Sara can but will need insurance, but Rod can't. Sara will look for a second first aider to join - possibly Robert will train
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask Mark about a kids storytime	Liz	June 19th	July 3rd	Mark happy to do a kids' story time
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask Mark for advice about a PA	Liz	May 9th 2022		
<b><u>AGM</u></b>	Provide loan of the pink gazebo	Charlotte	May 9th 2022	June 19th	Closed
<b><u>AGM</u></b>	Find out if the Edgegot Grove community centre is available as a backup for bad weather	Robert	May 9th 2022	June 19th	Closed
<b><u>Summer Event</u></b>	Ask Lily if council can help with PA	Robert	May 9th 2022		Closed - won't do this
<b><u>Links to other groups and networks</u></b>	Attend conference at Ally Pally on the council's policy for sustainable parks	Robert	May 9th 2022		Done - very useful to speak to other friends
<b><u>Links to other groups and networks</u></b>	approach employer and team about volunteering to gauge interest and support	Liz	May 9th 2022		Done
<b><u>Council elections</u></b>	write to incoming councilors to introduce the Park	Robert	May 9th 2022		Done

	and Friends, invite them to the Summer Event and also invite them to meet the Friends and talk about the Park. ( R)				