

The Friends of Sutton Common Park : 24th Annual General Meeting  
To be held at 11.00am on Saturday 3rd December 2022 The Life Centre.  
(Parking available in the rear car park)

### Agenda

1. Welcome by the Chairman
  2. Apologies for absence
  3. Minutes of last meeting ( 4th December 2021)
  4. Any Matters Arising
  5. Chairman's Annual Report ( 2021-2022)
  6. Treasurers Report/ Membership Report (2021-2022)
  7. Election of Officers
    - (a) Chair
    - (b) Vice Chair
    - (c) Treasurer
    - (d) Secretary
  8. Election of Management Meeting ( Up to 12 members)
  9. New 10 year Management Plan/ LTA proposal for tennis courts.
  10. AOB
- Close meeting

Reminder : Christmas greetings Folks and collect subs

### FOSCP Minutes of 23rd AGM held at SCP, Sports Pavilion on Saturday 4th December 2021 @ 11.00 am

#### (1) Chairmans Welcome

The Chairman Ray Leyden welcomed the following in attendance, Russell Bennett, Dave Morgan and Stephen C Jarvis. A special welcome was given to Stephen, a local man, a professional Architect invited to join the committee.

(2) Apologies : Antonio Di Angelo and Jean Haagman

(3) Minutes of last meeting : No comment, passed as a true record.

(4) Any matters arising : None

(5) Chairmans Annual Report : The Chairman tabled his Annual Report 2020- 2021 and it was adopted.

(6) Treasurers Report/ Membership Report ;

The Chairman tabled the Treasurers and Membership Report 2020-2021 as detailed in cover email dated 28th November 2021 plus the annual membership form updated from £3 to £5 - merging of the form to a single page version. The reports were approved and adopted. A vote of thanks was given.

(7) Election of Officers : (Russell is stepping down as V Chair due to work commitments but staying on the committee) Ray Leyden- Chair, V Chair- position open, Antonion Di Angelo : Treasurer, Secretary : Position open. A vote of thanks to Marjorie Farrell, committee member who moved house during the year and now after long service retired from the Friends committee.

(8) Election of Management Committee : Russell Bennett, Jean Haagman, Dave Morgan and Stephen C Jarvis.

(9) inspection of Pavilion / SCP front entrance : Donovan Jennings, Ace Football Club reports WC cistern overflowing and needs attention, external undergrowth needs cutting back and outside lights not working. The Front Entrance is in a poor state and a bollard is missing. To be reported to LBS.

(10) AOB : None. Meeting closed.

## **Chairman's Annual Report 2021 - 2022**

This year is a special year as HM The Queen becomes the first British Monarch to mark a Platinum Jubilee, a 70 year reign. The Jubilee celebrations will culminate in a four-day UK bank holiday week end from 2nd to 5th June. As part of these celebrations we are taking part in the Queens Canopy Project and planting new trees in the park. A Picnic in the Park was organized by local Ahmadiyyah Muslim Community on the 5th June to celebrate The Queens Platinum Jubilee with refreshments for everyone. After the pandemic restrictions were lifted it was good to see the Community coming together and it was well attended. We also had a Morden/ Romany Picnic in the park organized by local residents 11th September at the end of Summer, a hot summer, happy days !

In March we were invited to comment on the Parks new draft 10 year plan, the Parks intend to apply for Green Flag status in 2023 which will help to lift the standards of the park. It was also agreed that our Steve C Jarvis would be appointed as V Chair and would take on the lead role at the Friends Forum for the new Queens Platinum Jubilee tree planting. A meeting was held on site with Dawn Fielding, LBS on 16th March 2022 to agree the number and location. In May we had some good news when Sarah Fowler, LBS advised that she had identified some Covid funds to complete the new PROW 7 park fencing and remove the overgrowth blocking the pathway which significantly improves the safety for bikers and walkers. The Sutton Common Bowls Club had an Open Day, Saturday 28th May with the Mayor of Sutton, Madam Mayor, Cllr Trish Fivey in attendance who was a great sport and had a go to the delight of fellow bowlers and we also had the opportunity of meeting our new Ward Councillors Rob Beck and Cumar SaHa. They both took a keen interest in the park and Cllr Rob offered to help with identifying anything the Park that had a budget allocated that hasn't been delivered and anything the FOSCP want considered for the new Neighbourhood funding 2022. Subsequently Dave Morgan and Myself had a Walkabout with Cllr Rob on Monday 13th June 2022 to identify the projects for inclusion.

On Saturday 9th July in conjunction with David Warburton, LBS Senior Biodiversity Officer, we organized a "Meadow Tour" for local residents in the SCP Paddock with Sutton Nature Conservation Volunteers in attendance who carry out much of the maintenance in the Paddock. As part of tour David explained the future management plans for the Paddock and also explained the eco benefits of introducing grazing in preference to machine cutting. We had a great turnout and fortunately Cllr Rob Beck asked for a show of hands in favor grazing which won a majority vote for the plan which confirmed plenty of local support. On the 20th October 2022 our Committee Member Antonio attended the Cheam North & Worcester Park Local Ward meeting and we are pleased to say that our Local Ward Councillor Rob Beck has successfully campaigned to have a name change to include our ward "Stonecot" into the Group which is long overdue. Antonio confirms, "Foscp are now officially Community Representative and now integrated into Ward Meetings so it gives us a great opportunity to directly raise issues with all local Councillors and relevant Council Staff" Also on the 20th October Ray attended the Annual Sutton Parks Friends meeting, which is a Forum of all the Friends Groups and gave a talk on our "Meadow Tour" event and Dawn Fielding, LBS thought our talk made a good contrast to the other talks given on the night.

Finally in Autumn the Friends plant daffs in the main entrance for the following Spring. This year we teamed up with our Local Ward Councillors in Stonecot and decided to plant a 1000 daffs at the Morden Road entrance to the park comprising 500 Narcissus tête-à-tête and 500 Gold Harvest. Our Ward Councillors Rob Beck and Cumar Sa Ha promoted the event and despite the heavy rain on Sunday 6th November we had an excellent turnout from local residents who all got stuck in to help make it a special place to live in.

## Treasurers Annual Report 2021 - 2022

report -July 2022

Balance on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 statement:???

£62.08

June 2022 payment for the website hosting and domain name renewal ???????? Minus £158.25

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### Notes:

The annual cost of website hosting is £129.46 and the cost of domain name renewal is £28.78 every 2 years (the annual cost of both being  $\frac{£28.78}{2} = £14.39$  per year for the domain name + £129.46 = **£143.85**)

Given the subs we received so far for 2022 was under £100.00 and looking forward to 2023, taking into account the cost-of-living crisis affecting everything from food, to energy and petrol, it would be great if our subs match this year's subs. But if the subs are £70.00 it would give us a credit balance of £132.08, which is £11.77 short of the annual cost of website hosting and the domain name renewal.

Therefore, it may be appropriate to consider using a free of charge website hosting provider, and ensuring that the auto-renewal function is deactivated at GoDaddy. This means that we would transition to the free-of-charge hosting provider in June 2023. The main disadvantage of free-of-charge hosting providers is that they will include their logo on the website home page. Some allow us to keep our domain name whilst others require use of their own domain names (which include the company name within the actual domain name). Keeping our domain name would be preferable, and the ongoing cost of this would be approximately £11.77 per annum (each year this cost rises due to inflation but it should be around the £12.00 per annum figure for 2023).

Any decision on the above can be decided at the FoSCP AGM in December 2022, but this interim report allows prior discussion and prior review of any free-of-charge website hosting providers so the necessary information is available prior to and at the AGM itself

An update will be provided at the meeting.

## Foscp Treasurers Report – AGM 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022

Balance on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 statement:??

£67.08

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### Notes from the July 2022 Interim Report:

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Given the subs we received so far for 2022 was under £100.00 and looking forward to 2023, it may be appropriate to consider using a free of charge website hosting provider, and ensuring that the auto-renewal function is deactivated at GoDaddy. This means that we would transition to the free-of-charge hosting provider in June 2023 once the current hosting period expires.

The main disadvantage of free-of-charge hosting providers is that they will include their logo on the website home page. Some allow us to keep our domain name whilst others require use of their own domain name. Keeping our domain name would be beneficial, the ongoing cost is currently £14.39 per annum (it may increase in 2023 due to inflation but it should still be around the £15.00 per annum amount for 2023).

**Membership Report 2022 :** Paid up Annual membership 15 paid up members