

**COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTORATE  
PARKS SERVICES**

**Hackney Parks Forum Liaison Meeting**

**22nd January 2010**

**Present:**

Amy Erickson	AE	Hackney Parks Forum
Russell Miller	RM	Hackney Parks Forum/Tree Musketeers
Brian Weller	BW	Hackney Parks Forum
Mike Martin	MM	Hackney Parks Forum
Sam Parry	SP	Parks Development Manager
John Wade	JW	Head of Green Spaces

<b>Apologies:</b> IR, LM, AC
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Minute Taker	Hilary Fairman
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Item		Action
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting &amp; Matters Arising</b>	
	Website	
	· SP to arrange individual emails to all UGs RE. website updates	<b>SP</b>
	Hackney Recreation Ground	
	§ SP to check whether he has emailed AE RE. WHR	<b>SP</b>
	Event Procedures	
	§ JW to circulate final draft by next week	<b>JW</b>
	Park Update	
	§ JW to find out if exchange land for travelers site has been promised	<b>JW</b>
	§ JW to confirm whether planning permission required for archeological finds	<b>JW</b>
	§ Spring Hill Orchard – JW to arrange for Simon Biss to contact RM	<b>JW</b>
	§ Healthy Events – going ahead called “Parks for Life”.	
	o Secured £50K	
	o Three events planned – 22/5 Launch in London Fields, 10/7 – Have a Go at Shoreditch Park and 22/8 Savour Summer at Springfield	
	§ Millfields Master Plan	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o JW has seen and approved cost</li> <li>o JW to distribute copy to HPF by Monday 25th Jan</li> <li>o JW to arrange for Bruce Irving to talk through plan with BW prior to AGM on 4/2</li> </ul> <p>§ Springfield Glasshouse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Has been condemned</li> <li>o Polytunnel to be relocated to Clissold Park</li> </ul> <p>§ Manure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o JW to advise RM where relocated to</li> </ul> <p>§ Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o JW meeting with Planning next week to discuss the planning process. <b>BW</b> requested include discussion of late hostile comments from Crime Prevention Design Adviser - not previously raised with User Group (see 7 Pathfinder below)</li> </ul> <p>Lea Bridge Area Issues/Options</p> <p>§ New Essex Wharf planning application submitted to LBWF - Millfields User Group had objected. Parks to comment to Jon Price, LBWF case officer.</p> <p>AOB</p> <p>§ Scrutiny Commission review of growing food locally</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o AE concerned about numbers invited. SP to check with Matt Clack</li> </ul>	<p><b>JW</b> <b>JW</b> <b>JW</b></p> <p><b>JW</b></p> <p><b>JW</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p>
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Protocol</b></p> <p>§ New wording agreed. Sam to send to BW for final approval. Sam to write to CEN/HCVS re Disputes Procedure and copy HPF Committee into this correspondence.</p>	<b>SP</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Insurance</b></p> <p>§ SP contacted three different Parks Forum for guidance and none included insurance</p> <p>§ SP to look at London based Parks Forums</p> <p>§ Possibility of funding to be linked with the request for support worker and the insurance. SP to work with AE</p>	<p><b>SP</b> <b>SP/AE</b></p>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>§ SP emphasised that User Group AGMs should be held annually and advertised 21 days in advance. SP to raise with UGs</p>	<b>SP</b>
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Projects</b></p> <p>Clissold Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Start date for the park 16th Feb – contract Osborne</li> <li>o No date for the house – contract Mansell</li> <li>o JW to re-visit business plan</li> <li>o SP to arrange meeting with new Biodiversity Officer - Kate Mitchell, who starts 1st March and Simon Biss</li> </ul>	<p><b>JW</b> <b>SP</b></p> <p><b>JW</b></p>

	<p>Hackney Downs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o JW to arrange with Bruce Irving to liaise with RM re: tree removal</li> </ul> <p>Hackney Marshes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Work has started on the hub</li> <li>o Composting to be relocated from car park to Tree Nursery</li> <li>o Considering relocating gate</li> </ul> <p>Mabley Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Priorities</li> <li>o Amend Master Plan in line with feedback received from consultation</li> <li>o Master Plan to be placed on noticeboard</li> </ul> <p>Clapton Common</p> <p>§ Café</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Tender has been advertised</li> </ul> <p>§ Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o JW met with Zeldy and Cllrs on Monday</li> <li>o Will need to tender again, whole process 1st week in February</li> <li>o AE requested communication to include Adrian Haliday as second contact</li> </ul> <p>Millfields</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o BW reported the lack of information re: Masterplan to User Group and User Group criticism of delayed report and incompetent consultation.</li> </ul> <p>Mabley Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Adidas will not be going ahead. JW to update HPF as to why</li> </ul> <p>Springfield Bowling Green</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o No plan at the moment</li> <li>o JW to raise at next SPUG meeting</li> <li>o RM to provide contact re the previous members</li> <li>o Fence/Hedge needs attention</li> </ul> <p>Abney Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o JW taking report to Director of Finance to obtain approval</li> <li>o JW to get back to RM</li> <li>o Veteran Tree - JW to arrange with Ian Graham to contact RM</li> </ul>	<p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>JW</b></p> <p><b>JW</b> <b>RM</b></p> <p><b>JW</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Review of Withdrawal of Funding _ JW</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>§ No budget to assist the support position</li> <li>§ Possibility of identifying funding elsewhere</li> </ul> <p>HPF queried whether Review promised at Scrutiny Commission was therefore abandoned? If so, formal notification needed to HPF, UGs, and Scrutiny Commission.</p>	

7	<p><b>Pathfinder Play Projects _BW</b></p> <p>§ Millfields play area is common land and therefore needed PINS planning permission to progress. This information was not made clear by planners at the outset. BW believes that the design and planning process was wholly wasted. SP pointed out that play areas will still be developed (without Pathfinder funding), and consultation was very useful for future plans.</p>	
8	<p><b>Tasks for Parks Development Team_BW</b></p> <p>BW advised the list provided is not exhaustive</p> <p>§ Full liaison with User Groups over relevant planning applications – JW to raise</p> <p>§ Support struggling User Groups by helping to convene and publicise – in particular Kynaston Gardens and Hackney Downs.</p> <p>o AE advised that Hackney Downs has funds in a bank account which they are unable to access and need assistance with this issue. SP to arrange with Bruce Irving to resolve</p> <p>§ More support and research for HPF Committee</p> <p>o BW requested we identify someone to assist in research</p> <p>o RM requested assistance in recruiting more to HPF</p> <p>§ Mailings to User Groups – SP to ensure Elle includes in newsletter</p>	<p><b>JW</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p>
7	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>§ AE requested draft of Parks response to the Olympic Park – SP to send Parks comment and the Biodiversity Officer's comments to HPF</p> <p>§ AE requested West Hackney Recreation Ground Masterplan – SP to send</p> <p>§ AE requested Springfield Plans be sent to SPUG. SP to speak to Bruce/Simon</p> <p>§ Big Lunch – does it fit in with Parks for Life?</p> <p>§ RM requested biodiversity focus on Clissold Project. SP to set up meeting between Simon Biss and Kate M</p> <p>§ Ping Pong Tables – require planning permission. JW to raise with Graham Loveland</p> <p>§ MM requested key for London Fields noticeboard</p>	<p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p> <p><b>JW</b></p> <p><b>SP</b></p>
8	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>§ 26th March 2010 – 10.00am</p> <p>§ 11th June 2010 – 9.00am</p> <p>§ 10th September 2010 – 9.00am</p> <p>§ 12th November 2010 – 9.00am</p>	

