

Friends of Woodthorpe Grange Park Meeting – 31 May 2023

Welcome and apologies for absence

PS introduced the meeting

Attendance – Paul Swift (Chair), Matt Wilson (Treasurer), Hilary Thumpston (NCC), Peter Wood, Linda Wood, Janet Grimley, Anne Spalton, Jane Barton & Sharon Haywood

Apologies – Judith Swift (ill), Marian Staniforth

Minutes of last meeting 29th March 2023 were agreed.

Matters arising

JB confirmed 10% discount for the plant shop and future adjoined café. Also confirmed that the café next to the playground will not be participating / offering a discount. **Action PS**

Finance

MW advised approximately £200 in the balance, with over £700 now raised with Co-op to be concluded in October 2024. JB suggested could go for extra money for the [Co-op](#) (latest round apply by 11th June 2023) to support the train restoration (see also later item) underlining the historic context (former suburban line angle?).

Paid Membership

- Shopping
- Additional uniform required – polo shirts and fleeces discussed. MW suggested a budget of £100. **Action PS**
- PS mentioned virtual tour that could be shared on the website and beyond. JB suggested uploading to youtube. **Action MW**
- JB advised in order to promote volunteering, please link back to Green Guardians [Home - Volunteers \(nottinghamgreenguardians.co.uk\)](http://nottinghamgreenguardians.co.uk)

Shopping list for uniform / equipment

Tree replacement

PW advised type of oak to replace the oak that had fallen.

Japanese Knotweed

PS showed photographs. Local resident SH reported her observation.

JB advised that HT and the Council's new Bio-diversity Officer are liaising with a third-party expert to manage the knotweed. PW advised that herbicides are now restricted with alternative treatments now employed.

Restoration of the train sculpture / repair of broken headstone

JB advised issue working at height for volunteers, but could consider someone professional and consider extra fundraising.

Re: headstone, HT has submitted repair to the Council's internal repairs team.

AOB

Green Guardians – PW mentioned on the BBC mention of the Japanese Mini-Forest.

JB mentioned about volunteering celebration event at the Arboretum – Saturday 11am-3pm (free jacket potatoes for volunteers)

HT – next formal garden planting session will be Saturday 10th June.

HT and JB advised that the pitch and putt is closed for the foreseeable future, with a decision having been made at Full Council. JB said there is potential for a third-party provider to run it, subject to conditions. To note that dog treats are available at the Plant Shop.

JB said the Dell Garden was looking fantastic with buttercups

- Next meeting Wednesday 26th July at 6.30pm