

## **Friends of Woodthorpe Grange Park Meeting – AGM – 18Oct2023**

### **Welcome and apologies**

PS introduced the meeting

**Attendance:** Paul Swift, Judith Swift, Peter Wood, Linda Wood, Matt Wilson, Anne Spalton, Janet Grimley, Barbara Coulson, Kim Parnham and Derek Stafford. Hilary Thruppston & Jane Barton (Nottingham City Council).

Apologies – None received

**Minutes** of last meeting 26<sup>th</sup> July 2023 agreed.

**Chair's report:** see separate report

**Treasurer's report:** see separate report

Derek provided some reflections including the park post pitch & putt and existing football pitches. Pitch & Putt area to be re-purposed following closure earlier in 2023.

Biodiversity net gain is a driver for partial re-wilding

Barbara – would be a good idea to improve the fruit / orchard trees / provision. This also hits the biodiversity requirement.

Peter Wood – about volunteering - meet Saturdays 11am outside Woodthorpe Grange

Hilary updated that the waiting list for the allotments has been temporarily closed due to the low turnover

Kim – love the park including the more wild parts, does not like the litter or the widening / gaps in the metal fencing

Jane suggested an official litter pick day, Paul to suggest a date

Hilary updated that the gate at the bottom of Woodthorpe Drive is access for utility companies but might stay unlocked at their discretion

Peter Wood requested Tree leaflets to be put up at the plant shop

Notts TV gave interest Green Spaces NG

Memorial Graves for the dogs – FoWGP offered to help contribute

Japanese Knotweed – a private contractor has been appointed to treat it by stem injection

Train Sculpture – quote for refurbishment c.£1,150

MW suggested a walking or running lap with signage, which NCC confirmed as a consideration in a future signage overhaul

Homemade Café (known for at Forest Rec.) bringing a semi-permanent pop up café next to the Plant Shop from November, for which 10% discount applies on production of the membership card.

Membership also provides 10% discount for Plant Shop items itself. Over one thousand Christmas trees were sold in 2022. Christmas trees are recycled for £5.

Any plans for Woodthorpe Grange. Although there had been an options appraisal / review, there is no current business case given the costs.

### **Election of officers**

Chair – Paul elected

Vice-Chair – Peter elected

Treasurer – Matt elected

Secretary – Derek elected

Membership Secretary – Kim Parnham

### **AOB**

A quote of £333.30 has been obtained for fleece jackets

Armchair heritage walk

Paul Swift – idea in 2024 – could Woodthorpe Grange meeting room be hired to provide the armchair heritage talk, JB confirmed yes

Co-op (18<sup>th</sup> November) and Christmas Fayre (Sat 9<sup>th</sup> December twilight session).

Paul thanked Hilary for her continued support for FoWGP

### **Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 at 6.30pm.

Meeting closed 8.09pm.