

**Minutes of Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods Committee Meeting at 6.30pm  
22 April 2024 by Zoom**

**Present:**

Jane Andrews

John Bray

Karen King

Claire Osborn

Kirsty Blackman

**1. Welcome & discuss minutes of last meeting**

Previous minutes accepted

**2. Update on projects**

**2.1 Benches**

No change, carry forward action point

**Action point 1: Penny to reinstate S bench mid-summer if no more vandalism**

**2.2 Outreach**

No new talks

**2.3 Playground refurbishment**

No change, carry forward action point

**Action point 2: Penny to provide water fountain plan**

There is a ex-ladies toilet in the pavillion that might be useable for storage, or even have the toilet reinstated

**Action point 3: Penny to get FOCSW a key**

**2.4 Sewage monitoring**

no change.

**2.5 Football container**

Project abandoned, ex-toilet as an alternative.

**2.6 Interpretation board grant bids**

£2950 grant for Crofton ward sufficient for one board

**2.7 Motorcycles/Horse**

FOCSW position is to follow legal status

**Action point 4: Penny clarify legal position over horses**

### **3. Decisions sought**

#### **3.1 Hi-vis Jackets/people at work signs/banners**

Signs, banners and jackets bought, no plans for anything else

#### **3.3 Orchard**

Options for Orchard position presented, that nearest woodland most popular. £50 per tree for 10 trees. How can we water them?

**Action point 5: Kirsty to meet with Penny**

#### **3.4 Long grass at edge of recreation ground**

**Action point 6: Penny to get long grass cut and baled, perhaps with assistance of Autumn friends work session, before 3 September**

#### **3.5 Leaflets**

Stock of leaflets being delivered gradually

#### **3.6 Bridges**

Scavenged concrete used to ease access to one bridge. Wait for new ranger

### **4. Membership – Claire**

103 members on mailing list, £160 income

### **5. Treasurer's report - Karen**

Update on financial position: £2149 in current account

*£500 grant won from Little Magic Grants Postcode Lottery, no restrictions on spending, 12 months time window*

### **6. Future opportunities to widen awareness of FoC&SW – all**

#### **6.1 Wreath making**

Proposed date 23 Nov. Action carried forward.

**Action point 7: Karen to pursue**

#### **6.2 Doggy day**

Action carried forward

**Action point 8: Karen to plan**

#### **6.3. Woodland walk**

Jane to lead 6 July

### **7. Crofton circular walk**

Action carried forward

**Action point 9: John to audit when dry**

**8. Sat work group**

Caroline Potter continues to run them

**9. AOB**

3 RSPB owl boxes to be installed. Ian Wright to consult Natural England

**Action point 10: Jane to give Penny a list of barriered/ non-barriered entrances**

**10. Agree timing and date of next meeting**

6.30pm Monday 17 June 2024 by Zoom