

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

Present:

Jane Andrews

John Bray

Karen King

Claire Osborn

Kirsty Blackman

Apologies Luke, Penny

1. Welcome & discuss minutes of last meeting

Previous minutes accepted.

2. Update on projects

Orchard site not suitable for orchards because of size and watering. Agreed to abandon project.

Could we dig a pond instead, or dredge the playing field ditch? Suggestion had been put forward by Luke – idverde ranger. Committee supported in principle.

For the stream bridge with difficult access, could we bring in a chipper to improve the surface, or build a boardwalk

Funding case for interpretation boards ongoing, may be 2 now.

Noted that posters on one noticeboard keep being stolen

28 June 10-12 Jane leading a stream tidy for London Rivers Week

Penny had been asked about Council position on horse riding, no response yet received.

It was agreed to leave progressing 2 missing benches to autumn

Playground improvements should be undertaken in Sept **action Karen**

Sewage - no change in position

6 July woodland walk to be led by Jane

The proposal for a doggy day was discussed and it was agreed not to do this in 2024. Wreath making in November would, however, go ahead.

Autumn plan for the Work Group needs to be finalised so that it can be publicised
action Jane

Circular walk post review ongoing **action John**

Leaflet distribution: agreed to progress after the summer.

Grass mowing. Ongoing as Jane continued to ask idverde for the long grass to be cut and collected in the recreation ground and St Thomas Open Space

Bridge replacement remains an ongoing concern

Pavilion now padlocked with a key we have. Changing room + 3 or 4 cubicles. Looking renovatable. Council pay utilities. No insurance. Environment Agency going to move out. Awaiting formal permission to use for storage

No enthusiasm for a defibrillator

Caroline Potter continues to run Sat morning workgroups

3. Other

Membership now 105

Funds now £2500, after a £500 grant spent.

5 Oct coffee morning **action Jane**

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

Action Jane to give Penny a list of barriered/ non-barriered entrances

Next meeting 6.30pm Monday 17 June 2024 by Zoom

John Bray

Secretary

(These minutes were agreed at the Committee meeting on 17 September 2024)