

Minutes of Friends of Crofton and Sparrow Woods Committee Meeting at 6.30pm

9 June 2025 by Zoom

Present:

Jane Andrews

John Bray

Karen King

Claire Osborn

Joao Peres

Kirsty Blackman

1. Welcome & discuss minutes of last meeting

Previous minutes accepted

2. Updates

Platinum fund: 2 boards drafted, built and waiting for Luke to get formal installation approval from Natural England. To be sited at St Thomas Open Space and Recreation Ground. Jane wants a press jamboree.

Vandalised signboard by playgroup was repaired by Jane. She was asked to signpost review, but there was no interest in the results.

Horses: Council cogitating.

Benches: We would like to get a fourth bench on woodland side of Rec. Luke has found a plank, needs pillars. **Action Luke, Karen**

Playground paint needs touch-up and vegetation cutback in Autumn. **Action Karen**

Swings back.

Tarmac path collapsing into stream. Kirsty talked to Josh Hammond from the Environment Agency who will liaise with Bromley Council. **Kirsty to keep an eye on situation**

Can we open up streamside for more light. Can we access a Biodiversity or sewage remediation fund. Do we want to engage with Fresh Water Watch. PhD student Daisy Bell has collected sewage data, and is writing up their dissertation for summer 2025. Now interested in bacterial tests. Luke keen to raise profile of problem. **Kirsty to monitor**

Try to get Tree Team to cut vegetation over pathways round Rec to 2.4m headroom. Its 2.6m when dry and out of leaf. Measure on a wet day when it droops. **Action Jane**

Looking for suggestions for expanding naturalised grasslands in reserve.

Saturday sessions continue. **Action Jane to talk to Caroline**

Workgroup ends 8 July, restart 2nd September.

Circular walk to be fixed with 4 new posts from Luke and new roundels with QR codes. **Action Jane to see how QR roundels are done, Luke to try to source oak posts.**

The Ramblers installed 2 new posts on the London Loop

Pavillion storage room decision still awaited.

Grass to be cut in St Thomas Space and at the end of Rec in 2025

Boardwalk application was rejected. Bridge over stream near Rec starting to fail.

FOCSW attended May Fayre, and made £334, mainly from plant sales.

Oak attacking beetle by Ember Close being monitored by removing ivy.

Wreath-making venue for November needs to be booked. **Claire/Karen**

Friends Forum project funds deadline end August. Investigate getting another interpretation board, sowing wild flowers at tend of Rec or refurbish sundial. **Jane**

3. Membership and Finances

Up 3 to 111. Renewal drive after AGM. **Action Claire**

up £550 £2790.51 balance

4. Upcoming events

Skip walk this summer

£100 donation to Petts Wood Residents Association for the subway into Petts Wood Woods.

5. AOB

Next commiitee meeting 16thth September

John Bray, Secretary

These minutes were discussed, amended and agreed at the Committee meeting on 16 September 2025