

Friends of Markeaton Park		
Minutes of the Annual General Meeting Held Tuesday 19 April 2011 at the Travellers Rest at 7.30pm		
Present		
Colin Boocock	Mel Bayes (Secretary)	Dawn Wilson (Vice Chair)
Anne Morgan	Kelvin Lawrence	Don Farnsworth
Hannah Chapman (DCC no vote)	Brenda Armitage	Phil Clarke
Mary Copley	Sue Danvers	Gino Franco
Richard Wheatley (Treasurer)	Pete MacRorie	Pat Taylor
Sigrid Linthwaite	Edward Taylor	Beryl Addey
Rosemary Cooper	Molly Clarke	Christina Bayes
Mrs Billings	Robert Cope	Christina Cope
Annie Clark-Maxwell (Patron no vote)		
Apologies		
Isabel Footring	Paul Pegg (Chair)	Kath Stapley
Mary Boocock	Caroline Webster	Phil Webster
Mrs Faulkener	Charles Harrison	Joe Elliott
Patricia Bhurton		

1. Welcome and apologies	
DW welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies are listed above.	
2. Chair's Report on activities over the last year (given by Vice Chair)	
<p>I start this report by telling you that sadly Charles Clark-Maxwell, our Patron, passed away in May. He was a lovely man and an ardent supporter of FoMP. Charles's guidance and knowledge will be missed. Our thanks go to Annie, his daughter, who has kindly taken up the mantle of being our Patron and is just as dedicated to the success of the park and FoMP.</p> <p>The biggest event over the past year was the first Derbyshire Bio-Blitz held on the park. In 24 hours 642 species were identified and recorded including a rare beetle and an unusual moss. Equipment purchased with the OPAL funding for the Bio-Blitz now belongs to FoMP, (computer, microscope, nets etc).</p> <p>During the Bio-Blitz a three piece mosaic was started. This has been finished by FoMP volunteers. A final position for the display of the mosaic still has to be found.</p> <p>Other successful events held over the last year were a plant sale and two dog shows. FoMP volunteers also helped deliver the WildDerby days on the park in August. In conjunction with Friends of Markeaton Brook a number of balsam pulls were also undertaken.</p>	

<p>Bird reports are compiled by myself and David Bennett. David submits these to DOS under the name of FoMP. The vandalised bird table which David kindly made for us has now been replaced by a metal one, commissioned from Hammerhead in the Craft Village.</p> <p>The monthly children’s activities are gaining momentum. We really need the help of other members to keep this going. It is only for two hours on a Sunday afternoon once a month.</p> <p>Work continues on the rockery with further planting to be undertaken over the next few weeks. The wildflower planting was a great success last year, so we will be doing it again this year. The sunflower planting along the railway embankment was not a success, as they were eaten by squirrels and mice. We will not be repeating this.</p> <p>Thanks to Paul Pegg we now have a notice board situated under the archway of the Craft Village. Paul also organised the purchase of hi-vis vests with FoMP on them.</p> <p>Hannah represented FoMP at the ‘Love Parks’ week event and we also had a fund raising stand at the Mackworth fun day.</p> <p>We met with the flood defence team to discuss the state of the lake and the rate of water flow. We were told that nothing could be done to improve the flow, but I have noticed that since the meeting the sluice gates have been opened a little. Our concern about the overflow from the lake going under the A38 is apparently a Highways Department issue. Our concerns were going to be passed on to them, but as yet we have heard nothing.</p> <p>The FoMP website is up and running, but still in its infancy.</p> <p>Finally I would like to thank all FoMP members who have given so freely of their time and expertise over the past year.</p>	
<p>3. Treasurer’s report and accounts</p> <p>The balance brought forward included monies from OPAL for the Bio-Blitz. All of this had to be spent on the Bio-Blitz. The balance carried forward as at 31 December 2010 was £1,139.78.</p> <p>Accounts proposed by PM and accepted by all members present.</p> <p>RW is not standing for re-election as Treasurer. RW wished to thank the Committee for all of their support during his time as Treasurer.</p>	
<p>4. Election of management committee</p> <p>Nominations received:</p> <p>Officers of the Committee:</p> <p>Paul Pegg - Chair Dawn Wilson - Vice Chair</p>	

<p>Mel Bayes - Secretary No nomination for Treasurer received.</p> <p>General Committee Members:</p> <p>Richard Wheatley Don Farnsworth Pete MacRorie Colin Boocock</p> <p>In the absence of a nomination for a Treasurer DW prepared to take on the role for one year, whilst still retaining the position of Vice Chair.</p> <p>Late nomination for the committee as a general member received from Sue Danvers.</p> <p>PC proposed the Committee as above, approved by all members present.</p>	
<p>5. Any other business</p> <p>As this was not relevant to the AGM, detailed separately, see Appendix A.</p>	
<p>6. Date and time of next members meeting</p> <p>This will take place on the park and take the form of a tree trail. Date Tuesday 12 July, meeting in the main car park near the Pavilion at 7pm.</p>	

Appendix A

Items discussed under any other business at the AGM

FoMP declined the invitation from Mackworth Church to take on the painting of the iron work around the grave of Francis and Emily Mundy. **Action** DF to inform Mackworth Church that FoMP would not undertake the painting of the iron work.

Mrs Billings suggested that FoMP may wish to contact Alec Cabe, (former head gardener), to assist with the re-planting of the rockery. **Action** DW to give her contact details for Mrs Billing to pass on to Alec.

DW said planting of the rockery had been delayed due to lack of rain. **Action** HC to see if Parks staff could keep the new plants watered.

All members were concerned about the state of the park. Very little has been done to the park since last October. The good work of FoMP is being undermined. The lake and other water areas are full of rubbish and algae. Visitors to the park are unhappy because everything is shut; the train is not running, the paddling pool empty, the crazy golf needs renovating. Less people are playing golf because the cost has gone up. ACM said DCC have to make cuts, whole departments are being closed, DCC have no money to spend. HC said PS had now retired and the whole of the city is split between two people. DW said FoMP would support the park, but more members needed to get involved in activities. **Action** HC to feedback views of park users.