

Minutes: Saturday 8 June 2019

1. **Attendees:** Dave Mikkelson, Anne Kenyon, Helen Johnson, Janet Hillier, Peter Sellek, Jackie Burton, Mike Waines, Beryl Brand, Sylvia Mikkelson,
2. **Apologies:** Pat Smith, Brian Smith, Darryl Collins, Annemarie Gäbler, Susan Isherwood
3. **Minutes of previous meeting 11/05/2019** were approved
4. **Matters arising not on the Agenda**
Signage - discussion around a 'Filton Community Garden' sign on A4174 fence located near the entrance into the garden. AK suggested asking Men in Sheds to do. DM will arrange to get a sign made.
5. **Tennis Court Path**
The builder/contractor has been asked to complete the work before our Summer Fete on 21 July. It will take 1 week with two people working on it. The materials have been ordered and DM will push for an exact start date.
6. **Airbus Barbecue 2 August 2019**
We are pleased that Airbus have chosen to hold their annual BBQ for staff in the garden which they usually go to Blaise Castle Estate for. They expect around 80 guests of Airbus staff and families. They are providing outside caterers and DM has provided information for their insurance agreement (licence).
7. **Summer planting**
All old plants were dug out of Concorde beds on 3 June. Pat has already bought plants for two pairs of beds (Springfield end and rose beds end). For these beds planting out will be brought forward to Monday 10 June from 1.30pm using planting plans that Pat has provided. DM will prep beds with nutrients beforehand. The remaining beds will be planted on Monday 24th from 1.30pm when with plants Pat will get on return from her holiday.

8. Garden Sessions

The first adult 'Let's meet-up and garden' session held at 1.30 on Monday 3 June and the after school 'Filton Saplings' session from 3.30pm same day. Publicity for both was through posters placed in notice boards and full page adverts in Filton Voice and on Facebook.

Let's meet up and garden did not get any extra volunteers for the first session but as they are regular and with the Filton Voice poster circulated are hoping for more response ongoing. Will publicise the extra 10 June date on Facebook.

Filton Saplings was well attended with 14 children of ages between 3 and 11, these were split into groups to do different activities; soil testing, planting seeds and clearing their 'Saplings' bed. They all thoroughly enjoyed it and are keen to come again the next week. Donations offered by parents will be accepted!

9. Summer fete

Fundings received from ASDA: £120 to cover Punch and Judy, ingredients for Annemarie (including 140 eggs!) to make cakes, plus £200 from token scheme which has recently finished (we came second to the Air Ambulance).

Poster to be updated. HJ to include info on FACE activity and other items. Will be printed and distributed including A3 sized for windows, also for schools, church, surgeries and artwork sent to Filton Voice.

At next meeting (date brought forward to 6 July) we will plan arrangements in full.

10. Garden map

Two graphic design students at SGS College have offered to update the garden map plans which are currently located near noticeboard and bee bed entrances to the garden. They will include additions made since the existing signs, such as the owl sculpture, pond and rose beds and they are keen to make it an attractive design. No deadline has been set as they are currently involved with college work. We discussed giving them a 'reward' when completed.

11. Work to do in the garden

Ongoing planting, tidy-up, deadheading, weeding.

12. A.O.B

DM - passed on thanks from an elderly person who said how his visit to the garden 'brightened up his day' and gave credit to the volunteers.

DM - at last FTC meeting charging for parking by tennis courts was discussed. The general reaction from FTC Councillors and from ourselves at this meeting is negative to this suggestion so assume and hope that this idea will not be taken any further.

BB - described a knitted 'peace' in poppies seen in Folkestone as idea we can use for our remembrance fence. SM will look into how we can design something similar. DM suggested we look at other ways to refresh the display.

HJ/JB - Vertical garden workshop attended on 31 May, was useful and picked up various things we can apply to our planned vertical garden including the mix of soil substrate, using pond lining as backing, a planting list and how to increase and maintain nutrients.

13. Date of next meeting: July 6 2019

Dates for diary June and July:

Mon 10 June 13:30 - 15:00	Let's meet up and garden - extra planting date
Mon 17 June 13:30 - 15:00	Let's meet up and garden
Mon 24 June 13:30-15:00	Let's meet up and garden - planting out remaining concorde beds
Mon 1 July 13:30-15:00	Let's meet up and garden
Sat 6 July 10:00 Clerk's office	Meeting to finalise Summer Fete planning
Mon 8 July 13:30-15:00	Let's meet up and garden - pre Filton Festival taster session led by PS
Sunday 14 July	Filton Festival
Mon 15 July 13:30-15:00	Let's meet up and garden
Sunday 21 July	Filton Community Garden Summer Fete

