

Minutes: Saturday 9 March 2019

1. **Attendees:** Dave Mikkelson, Sylvia Mikkelson, Betty Eelsden, Beryl Brand, Pat Smith, Peter Sellek, Helen Johnson, Brian Smith, Janet Hillier, Jackie Burton

2. **Apologies:** Mike Waines, Annemarie Gäbler, Susan Isherwood, Anne Kenyon

3. **Minutes of previous meeting 09/02/2019** were approved

4. **Matters arising not on the Agenda**

Friends on Friday (or other day) - HJ offered to set dates at next meeting for regular weekly or fortnightly sessions in the garden starting in May leading up to Summer planting and beyond as way new people can get involved, to make friends and work in the garden. Anybody referred from local surgeries can also come along.

The Northville Community Garden (NCG) - DM reminded us to support the consultation and/or email FTC clerk to demonstrate support. Jody Mulliner will be invited to next meeting to see how we can further work together.

Howard Bowker's memorial bench - DM met one of trustees of Howard's will after last meeting and agreed to site the bench on the corner of the tennis court wall near the tap. This would replace the existing bench which FTC will move elsewhere. Bench is ordered and awaiting delivery time. DM will install with paving offered by a friend of Howard.

Hub beds - need attention. AG and SI have plans but have been unwell. Others including Peter, Betty, Mike and Sylvia are happy to pitch in to help. Will discuss at next meeting.

5. **Tennis Court Path**

We have now secured a further £1500 from the Landfill Trust to add to the £1000 received from from MAF. Will use garden funds for the remaining £450 for the path to be supplied by Aspire Property Maintenance at £2950. DM to talk to FTC re the order and to fix date with Aspire. Probably May/June.

6. **Donation**

The garden has received a £50 cheque kindly donated by Bill Martin (former Bristol Lord Mayor) who DM and Betty met in the garden. DM has thanked him by email.

7. **Membership of Gloucestershire Federation of Garden Societies**

We initially joined GFGS for their cheap insurance. Now that membership is up for renewal DM advised we instead consider using insurance through the Social Farms and Gardens, who we have free membership with and who offer a much better insurance scheme at an increased cost of £25. All agreed this is a good idea,

8. **Summer Fete**

Peter the tractor man is available on the day, most other activities are arranged and Jackie booking good weather.

9. **RHS Grass Roots Magazine**

In the winter issue DM noticed a call out to gardens on their experience of water saving and harvesting. He has written to the magazine along with photographs and may well see a piece on FCG in the next issue. HJ to put the magazine in the tool box for all to see as they are received quarterly.

10. **Work to do in the Garden**

General tidy up and picking up sticks.

Pond will have frogspawn.

11. **A.O.B**

- a. Jackie offered a wormery (looks like a beehive) to the garden. Is not actually suitable as a wormery but could be used as raised bed free standing at table height. Jackie will bring a photo to the next meeting.
- b. HJ has entered garden for 2019 IYN - assessment due in July

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

13 April 2019

Dates for diary:

Sun 24 March 10:00 Greggs, Gloucester Road North Spar, Filton Avenue McColls, Filton Avenue	Filton Community Litter Pick - three picks simultaneously in Charborough, Conygre and Northville wards. Equipment provided.
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Mon 25 March 14:00 Doug Daniels Pavilion	Filton Chest and Heart Spring Fair for tea coffee and hot cross bun and stalls. Entrance £1
Sunday 14 July	Filton Festival
Sunday 21 July	Filton Community Garden Summer Fete