

**FRIENDS OF ST. NICHOLAS PARK**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

- 1. Apologies** were received from Gail Warrington and Janette from Sea Scouts.
- 2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2017** were approved.
- 3. Matters arising** to be dealt with under Agenda items.
- 4. Annual Report**

The Secretary gave a Powerpoint presentation on the park to the Whitnash Society, which was very well received.

The fire that devastated the old shelter was a tragic loss but WDC say there are no plans for it to be rebuilt. Although widely believed to be arson, there was no evidence to support this. Perhaps if the Friends constant requests for CCTV in this area had been heeded, this would have provided a deterrent or evidence for a prosecution. We were quoted in the press to this effect.

We have obtained a new hosting for the website as Henning now lives out of the area. This is being managed by a member of the committee.

We have heard nothing further regarding turning Myton Fields into a permanent car park.

The press reported an assault in the park which highlighted once again the need for CCTV.

The question was raised regarding the engraved names on the memorial in the park. There are 358 names of the Fallen on the War Memorial in Warwick but these are not included in the park memorial. It was explained that many of the park names are of civic dignitaries and only reflected about 17 names of the Fallen. The list was provided by the Warwick British Legion but it is not known how this was compiled.

A bird watching event was to be held in the park and it was requested that we highlight this on our website. Unlocking Warwick advertises local events under What's On in Warwick.

The first stage of the Sea Scouts development, the jetty, was completed and steps and a handrail would increase safety. The jetty at Myton

Fields would still be used by Myton and Warwick Schools. The containers there store Sea Scout equipment. Sea Scouts will use the old Avon Tavern entrance for vehicular access and trailers with boats will only enter once a year. For the rest of the time, they will be stored by the Leisure Centre. The Compound would be alongside the boats. Grasscrete would prevent weeds. The security fence is to be screened by a hedge. Five trees were taken out but 40 new ones planted around the park. Phase II to be commenced when more funds are available but WDC has already promised £150,000.

No more news on the skateboard park being moved or the BMX track being restored.

## **5. Accounts**

The balance in the bank is £60 plus £10 cash in hand.

## **6. Membership Fees**

It was agreed that Membership Fees would remain the same, i.e. £1 for individual membership and £3 for family membership.

## **7. Election of Committee**

Committee members were willing to stand again and were re-elected en bloc.

## **8. Traveller Incursions**

Residents were still lobbying WDC to install barriers with height restrictions to prevent traveller incursions and were quoted in the press.

## **9. Sea Scout Development**

The Sea Scouts are still fund-raising for their new HQ and boatyard. Residents continue to experience parking problems and Sea Scout leaders promised to persuade parents not to park in the area to drop off children.

## **10. Any Other Business**

A question was raised about the Avon Navigation Trust's attempts to have pleasure boats on the Avon but no further news has been heard.