

Notes of the Friends of Markfield Park Meeting 12 September 2018

Present: Ken Brereton (Chair), Barbara Blake(Note Taker), Stuart Kassim (Safer Neighbourhood Team), Pauline Sydell (NW), Abed Rabbaa, Mark Farley, Christina Kynacou, Marianna Mann, Michael Dasliva, Joe Whyatt, Alan Elliot & Ojhie Shuilyam

Drug Dealing

There had been an increase in the amount of drug dealing in the park generally and in the Community Garden perhaps as a result of the police activity around Seven Sisters Tube which had moved the dealers to find new places. The Police visit the park every day. Pauline reported that there had been 19 incidents over the past 12 months which were mainly thefts.

There was a discussion about the Community Garden. The Haringey TCV hold a gardening/clean-up event approximately every 2 months which is very welcome. The concrete structures within the garden are part of the old sewerage works and have a historical relevance. The community garden is an interesting and unique place and it was felt it would be a shame to lose it or remove the fencing around it. **It was agreed to organise a clean up event in the Community Garden. Barbara would contact TCV to see if they would be able to attend. The date of Sunday 28th October 12noon to 2pm would enable to the police to be in attendance.**

Illegal Raves The skateboard/graffiti park is increasingly being used for illegal raves which is causing noise and disruption to the people living on the Ferry Lane Estate. It was felt that access for vehicles needs to be controlled to stop people driving in the park with generators and equipment. It was also raised that there needed to be a zero tolerance to raves and that the Noise Enforcement and Police needed to act much more quickly to stop the raves before they got going. **It was agreed that Barbara would contact the Head of Enforcement to discuss this ongoing problem.**

Concern was expressed about the increase in graffiti beyond the designated area. **Barbara agreed to contact the council to find out what the process was for getting graffiti removed quickly.**

CCTV

There was a discussion about the amount of CCTV monitoring the park. While the café has various cameras it appeared there was very little covering the rest of the park. This was surprising considering the proximity of Gladesmore School and the number of young people walking through the park after school. **It was agreed that Barbara would contact Simon Farrow (Head of Parks Service) to enquire about the existing CCTV and whether upgrades would be feasible and affordable.**

Open Air Theatre Summer 2019

A theatre company called Quantum Theatre have been in touch with the council to seek permission to put on an open air production of either Wind in the Willows or A Midsummer Night's Dream in the park next summer (2019). Everyone agreed unanimously that this would be a wonderful opportunity. **It was agreed that Ken would contact the council to give our consent and obtain further details.**

Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed to meet on the second Tuesday of each month starting at 6pm so the next meetings are:

Tuesday 9th October

Tuesday 13th November

Tuesday 11th December