**Friends of Glen Gardens**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 23rd October at Ascot House**

**Present** John Freer, Sue Freer , June Wood, Keith Wood, John Mulcahy, Steve Astin,Liz Maynard, Claire

**Apologies** Christine Rafferty, Les Gee, Celina Gee,Julie Couttie,Adi French

Claire thanked all committee for their support, Kindness and flowers on the death of her daughter. Everybody welcomed her back.

**Ping Pong** Ping Contacted. Council has stated they would provide some support for this initiative. Maybe the ’Big Local, could support it. No timescale was suggested.

**Christmas Lantern Event December 15th** It was suggested that there should be a sub committee to run this event.

Hall is booked. Already a supply of jamjars reposing in Chris and Steve’s attic .The Brownies were to be asked to help with decorating them. In order to provide singing for the event Mollie Newton, Sue Saunders and Buffy Brakewell were to be contacted. Banners were discussed and it was agreed that two would be sufficientThe cost was estimated to be Between £50 and £60. Becky may have poster from last year.Sue will organise a tombola stall. Prizes will be requested, but Sue will decline second hand slippers! While Fairy lights will be provided by Sophie, our gazebos will be used. Local shops will be asked to provide mince pies for refreshments. It was agreed that mulled wine could be served. Local councillors will be invited. John F raised a query about the safety of jam jar candle holders.his fears were allayed.

**Locking Up**

Whilst there had been some new people inducted, but none have yet appeared. An email is to be sent and it was suggested that if there were limited days when people are available they should indicate this.With half term looming the importance of locking up was emphasised.

**Gardening** The Nestle group came and moved leaves , but did no weeding. Leaf blowing was planned for 28th, 29th October.A lawn edging machine has been purchased.

**Children’s Play Area** Awaiting funds from the Hungate development. Unfortunately Hungate requires a certain level of occupation before the finance is released. This does not appear imminent.

**Petanque** A discussion took place on who could use the court. A U3A group, Fogg and Mosaic garden members can do so, But whether it is open to all seemed uncertain. There was a request to store equipment in the revamped men’s loo and to have access to the loo, This was agreed as long as the loo was cleaned and locked. Specic keys would have to be earmarked for the Petanque group.

Signs are needed for the Mosaic Garden and the Petanque court.

**Poetry Bench** This is now completed, But in order to make it accessible for the disabled the path has to be widened. There Is a fear that the soil behind the bench will slide down onto the path so this needs attention. Some money will be made available for planting. It is felt that a similar pergola to the existing one would not be suitable so some alternative will have to be explored.

**Website** This is currently rather skimpy and needs more information.

**Finance Report** Following Steve’s report when he exhorted us to spend the surplus money, following a lively discussion on the reason for the existence of Fogg ,it was agreed that much of the funds should be spent on employing some professional gardeners to sort out the borders and to lay some bark. It was agreed that several local firms would be approached to provide estiates. Exactly what work would be undertaken would be discussed by the Gardening group, depending on costs of course.

**Ward meeting.** The Freers attended this,but there was nothing related to our area.

**Date of next meeting**  20th November at Ascot House at 7pm