**Friends of Glen Gardens Monthly Meeting -** 26/03/19

**Attendees** :- John Freer (Chair), Sue Freer, Keith Wood, June Wood, John Mulcahy, Julie Couttie, Adi French, Steve Astin, Christine Rafferty, Liz Maynard, Eric Middleton, Clare Kennard, Karen Thomas

**Minutes of last meeting** of 26/02/19 agreed.

**Matters arising -** Karen raised the issue of to whom the notice of the AGM should be sent. Only ‘active’ friends were informed and not all. Karen is sending details of the Kiosk opening and the Easter event to all.It was agreed that the approved minutes from 2018 AGM will go on the website.It was noted that the financial report was not ‘in sink’ with the dates of the rest of the report. The Treasurer will make this clear.

**Easter Egg Hunt -** There is a shortage of bakers available on Easter Sunday. After this was realised, it was agree that Julie will join John M in the kiosk. Eric and Verity will organise the Easter Egg Hunt, while Anne and Valeria will do the craft table.

John F will put up the banners for the Easter Egg Hunt on the 7th April. The question of gazebos would be dealt with on the day depending on the weather.

**Picnic in the Park -** This will take place on June16th

It was agreed that the jazz band last year set the tone.the jazz band is ‘Bargistra’’ with Chris Torphon. There was a suggestion of other possibilities. Julie will try to coordinate the music for the event.last year the band did not want any payment, but it was felt some gift like a bottle of wine mught be appropriate, but would need to check on the ages of the band members.

**The Scarecrow Even**t will take place on 24th-26th August.

**Kiosk -** Colleen has completed a deep clean and is to buy floor paint.Although few bakers have been recruited, all is ready for the start of the season on the 6th April.as it happens this coincides with the Tennis Club running a ‘taster’. TheCouncil came to test the water and all taps were tested.

**Locking and Unlocking -** There only appears to be 12 people who are active out of a potential 30. John F is to induct Eric tomorrow and then he will go on the rota.There appears to be some problems with the doodle poll.John F will send out an email with a link to try to remedy any issues. John F will take over the doodle poll on April 3rd.

**Garden -** Sue Ellis was happy to have her donation used for a picnic table, although there may be a problem if the table is not wooden, as he was a joiner. Eric gave some information about benches which could accommodate wheelchair users which he had seen. He also mentioned funding possibilities from North Yorkshire or from the Masons. It was also suggested that funding could be obtained from the Tang Hall Big Local. However it is not clear how quickly applications are processed. Clare mentioned the local disabled workshop in James Street who may be able to supply suitable benches.John F requested that Eric find out more details about picnic benches from his source. Karen made him aware that the benches can only be a metre and a half wide in order to fit into the available space,

3 good sessions have already taken place. Some mulch has arrived for the restored bed. A large Wistaria is to be purchased for the pergola.

**Poetry Bench -** Ward funding has been obtained for two more slabs to make access available for wheelchair users.

**Mosaic Garden -** First gardening session has taken place. There iss still a lack of a satisfactory notice indicating the location of the Mosaic Garden.

**Finance**

Currently the funds comprise:

Coop Funeral Care Donation £250

Suzanne Ellis Donation £1000

General Reserve £1028

**Any Other Business** - The form which would-be bakers have to complete is far too complex. However since this is a Council form, they would be involved in making any changes.

Money is available for the ward. Claire suggested we should apply to fund a table tennis table like they have in Rowntree’s Park

New signs designed by Adi are to be placed on the gates advertising the times of opening of the Kiosk.

The key to the Noticeboard opposite the Coop cannot be located.

**Next Meeting -** Tuesday 30th April, 7pm at Ascot House.