**Minutes for FOGG Meeting 30th April 2019**

**Present**-John Freer, Sue Freer, Keith Wood, June Wood, Julie Couttie, Karen Thomas, Claire Kennard, Liz Maynard, John Mulcahey. **Apologies**-Eric Middleton, Adi French

John F. opened the meeting. Following her resignation, Chris Rafferty has been thanked for all her work on the committee.

**Finances-**As Steve was away. John F. just gave the Kiosk takings figures.

This year takings were £542.41 cf £390 last year.

**Kiosk benches-**Following Eric’s investigations it was agreed to order the benches through the Council because of VAT issues and Eric’s benches were only accessible at the ends. The ones to be ordered cost £576 and £27 for extra end which will make them wheelchair accessible. These benches should be vandal proof and it will be possible to slide along the bench. Suzanne Ellis is happy for her donation to go towards these benches, even if they are resin and not timber. The Council will not charge for removal of existing benches but will charge for installation of new ones. John F proposed that we go ahead with these benches subject to VAT and fixing charges. All voted in favour of this. Karen is to carry this forward.

**Report on Easter Sunday Egg Hunt-**Weather fabulous. Only comments received were positive ones. Unfortunately a hectic Kiosk ‘baptism of fire’ for new recruit Verity. Since many possible volunteers tied down with onerous grandparent and other onerous family responsibilities it was difficult to get sufficient people. Simon and sons, Anne and Valeria, Matt Price and Karen and Charlotte, John M and Julie all did sterling work despite running out of Easter eggs and milk. Cakes were plentiful and £142.70 was raised.It was agreed that at least 6 volunteers were required for the next Easter Egg Hunt.

**Picnic in the Park** -Three three-quarter hour musician slots are required. The hunt for suitable musicians is ongoing and there seem to be various possibilities and half promises at present. It was suggested that our next meeting should be on May 21st to prepare for this event on June 16th. The Dog Show was abandoned for this occasion.

**Kiosk -** Problems with doodle poll for this, as volunteers find it hard to commit so far ahead and some do not like the poll at all. It was agreed that even if there is an apparent lack of volunteers, it should not be suggested that the kiosk will not open, but volunteers will be rung by John M. If people don’t like the doodle poll then they can ring Alyson directly. Sue to contact Alyson. Finishing at the end of the session was felt to be onerous. There will be less to do once new benches are in place. Maybe only one door could be used. The float has increased to £20 and has plenty of change.

**Unlocking -** John F. has two more recruits. Jules Bellerby is to be asked not to walk his dog before the park is open. Park will close at 9pm soon and this will be latest time.

**Gardening -** Adi has provided a full report as she cannot attend.The new planter was sadly smashed and the police called. The plants were rescued and a new planter was purchased for £37. Obelisk is now ready.

**Mosaic garden-**More vandalism, but mosaic was due to be removed anyway. Problems with kids in play area after park closed.

**Petanque -** Children mistaking this for sandpit and gravel getting dissipated. Need more welcoming notice which Dave Meigh has yet to provide. Key available for U3 A members from key cupboard. Karen is providing laminated Petanque rules.

**Website -** Currently 196 members. It was agreed to ask Efro to put all Fogg minutes on memory stick and delete the rest.

**Table Tennis** to be on agenda for next meeting which will take place on May 21st.

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