**FoGG Meeting August 13th 2019 Minutes**

**Present**- Claire  Kennard, John Mulcahey, John Freer, Sue Freer, Eleanor Dodson, Adi French, Steve Astin, Julie Couttie, Liz Maynard, June Wood. **Apologies** Gill Oakes, Eric Middleton, Keith Wood

**Matters arising** - John M. has approached Paul Halmshaw, housing manager for Glen Lodge and he is happy for us to have the AGM in Glen Lodge. There will be no fee. Also happy to have some afternoon tea and cake sessions during the winter months.

Jonathan has taken over the doodlepoll.

Minutes were approved.

**Finance Report** - Insurance has been renewed with Zurich. This also covers  tools used in the Mosaic Garden. Anything in the public area is covered by the council Public liability covered by the Council.Total bank funds are £3867.62; the General Reserve is £2867 and the Kiosk takings thus far are£2312.

Benches . Council buying them and will instal them and cover VAT.

**Scarecrow Trail** - Sue and Gill working out route

Sales desk needs people

Claire and Liz offered to be ‘floaters’.

Gazebos to be erected an hour before the kiosk opens.

Prizes Styles, Loves, Fish and chip shop, Cycle shop, Bean on the Green, The Garage have all offered prizes. Number 3 still to be approached.

**Kiosk** - Going well (see takings above).

Several people have said they would like to volunteer, but as yet none have materialised.

There was a discussion about whether Tuesday was the best opening day during the week. This was not resolved although Adi pointed out Wednesday can be a gardening day and Thursday is another gardening day. Discussion postponed til 2020.

There was also a discussion about the temperature of the water from the heater. Council found it to be 32 degrees. John F. to contact Dave Meigh.

It was suggested that only one door should be used in the kiosk, discontinuing the bowling green door. This would mean 3 locks on the other door. However this would create more welcome storage space. This issue will be added to the Dave Meigh meeting.

**Gardening** - Keith has inducted Karen and Jonathan into the edging machine. Les Gee has volunteered to cut the grass, but needs own petrol can. Chris Hart has also volunteered.

Thanks were given to Keith for all his hard work.

**Children’s Play Area** - Nettles reported and Council will be asked to strim more carefully.

**Mosaic Garden** - All well and the small pear tree Eleanor rescued has been replaced  in the Mosaic Garden.and is fine now.

**Petanque** - All well too.

**Website** - Not enough material. John M. volunteered to write a newsletter.

**Ward meeting** - Postponed from 29th July til “nd September.

**Allotments Open Day** - 12-4 pm.This is part of National Allotments week. Cakes welcome . This is a celebration of ward funding which will provide improved loos. Glen Gardens gazebos will be borrowed including a brand new one.

**Heritage Open Day 21st September** - This will take place between 1 and 4 pm**.** Claire will arrange a meeting. Tea will be served in the Kiosk and Claire hoped some scarecrows might be available.

**National Federation of Parks & Green Spaces (NFPGS) Conference - 7th September**

Karen will attend.

**Date of Next Meeting** - 15th October.