



## Minutes of Meeting

Date: 16 January 2026 @ 7.00pm at Shrewsbury House

Item No#	Description	Actions / Comments
<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies by Kris Inglis</b>	
	<p>Committee Attendees: Kris Inglis, Rob Hurst, Julie Hayward, Sue Walker, Roy Williams, John Wadsworth</p> <p>Apologies: Alan Deacon, Ron Senkus</p> <p>Ron Senkus informed the Chair that he was stepping down from his role as a committee member serving since FSP began in 2006. The Chair thanked him for all his versatile practical help and ideas.</p>	No. of additional attendees – 10
<b>2.</b>	<b>Matters Arising from AGM 21 January 2025</b>	
	<p>The minutes were accepted as a true account. It was noted that after the close of the meeting, 2 attendees, Rob Hurst and Sue Walker, in discussion with the Chair agreed to join the Committee – Rob as Treasurer and Sue as Secretary.</p> <p>Any Other Business matters were addressed or considered during the year.</p>	<i>AGM Minutes of Meeting attached as Appendix A.</i>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Chair's Report by Kris Inglis</b>	
	<p><b>Highlights from Chair's Report</b></p> <p>The Chair, Kris, expressed her appreciation for the support of members on individual projects, new members joining the Management Committee, and to everyone for their wildlife awareness and being the eyes and ears that monitor the park's welfare.</p> <p>Kris hoped that members had received the Newsletters and summarised the events held in 2025.</p> <p>Priorities discussed so far for 2026 are to get decent signage throughout the Park, a Dog Show including related dog activities and tackle the lack of bins which has affected the cleanliness of the park throughout the year.</p> <p>Kris asked for offers of help with a new birdbox project, working on funding opportunities, fixing the existing signs and tree sponsoring.</p>	<p><i>Chair's Report attached as Appendix B.</i></p> <p>Julie Hayward emphasised that the Parksfest Festival was a great community event and wanted to thank and acknowledge all the people that contributed to running the event (young and old). She especially wanted to thank Clive Inglis for his amazing last minute help in solving the power issue we had on the day.</p>



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4.	<b>Treasurer's Report by Rob Hurst</b>	
	<p><b>Highlights from financial report</b> Rob Hurst provided a brief overview of where we are financially and what FSP are looking at going forward.</p> <p><b>Events and Income</b> This year we ran the same two income generating events as last year, the Quiz and the Festival. Both were well attended, profitable, and received positive feedback, which is reassuring and shows continued community support.</p> <p><b>Financial Position</b> Our overall financial position has improved slightly. Cash held at year end is £206.47 higher than last year. Despite a deliberate decision to prepay five years of website hosting which was a larger upfront cost, it reduces our monthly costs and saves around £260 over the next five years, so it is a long term saving.</p> <p><b>Current Position</b> Income is stable at the moment, but growth is limited by the small number of fundraising activities.</p> <p><b>Looking Ahead</b> The focus will be on exploring additional revenue streams to support the park. That could include new fundraising ideas, selling merchandise at events, and a greater focus on grant funding for larger projects. There are funding opportunities available through the local authority and other schemes that we want to pursue.</p> <p>Rob closed his report stating that overall, we are financially stable and sustainable on our current trajectory but would welcome ideas and input from members and the wider community over the coming year.</p>	<p><i>Financial Report attached as Appendix C.</i></p> <p>A suggestion was made to produce a calendar this year and to possibly consider producing some Christmas Cards.</p> <p>The Committee will look at generating some interest to obtain photographs.</p>
5.	<b>Election of Management Committee for 2026 – introduce, propose and approve existing members willing to stand. Prospective members are encouraged to put themselves forward at this meeting or after. Under the concept of FSP “Allies” funding expertise would be useful, one project at a time</b>	



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	<p>Chair advised that current committee members were still willing to continue their roles but asked attendees if there was anyone who would like to join the Committee in any capacity.</p> <p>No response was received therefore Kris proposed that the Committee Members for 2026 were accepted. The motion was seconded and approved by all present</p>	<p>Spread the word about FSP “Allies” who can offer specific skills but not join the committee</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Introduction of FSP Strategy Plan - being practical but proactive! Explained by Sue Walker, Secretary</b>	
	<p>Sue discussed the preparation of a draft 10 year Strategy Plan to help formalise the work that FSP has developed and maintained for many years to support annual action plans and projects that will support our applications for funding. To develop the strategy the first stage is to gather information and then consider maintenance plans for ongoing projects and developing new projects that the local community is willing to support.</p>	<p>Strategy Plan to be developed over the next few months and a draft will be made available to members for their input once complete.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Hedgehog Survey 2025 news and update by Marcin Sufin and Team</b>	
	<p>Marcin and his son Jan explained the hedgehog survey done in October and the importance of protecting the hedgehog population in our Park as they are on the red list of endangered species. A plan to create a small protected area (identified near the existing hog house) with natural barriers was presented as an achievable project to kick start our 10 year plan now.</p>	<p>Team to work out the space and enlist advice on hedge construction. Barclays volunteers could help us</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Guest Speaker: Tamasin Rhymes, our Ward Councillor, Green Party member and a founder of Greener Greenwich Community Network.</b>	
	<p>Tamsin Rhymes spoke about the Plum Lane Orchard Project and the Greener Greenwich Community Network (GGCN).</p> <p>Support for Plum Lane Orchard is ongoing with a fun wassailing event held in early January. More support is needed and someone perhaps to help lead on maintaining the site.</p> <p>Further information available on their Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/PlumLaneCommunityOrchard?locale=en_GB">https://www.facebook.com/PlumLaneCommunityOrchard?locale=en_GB</a></p>	<p>FSP to look at how to support the Plum Lane Orchard.</p>



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	<p>The GGCN has been established provide a more coordinated local approach to scrutinising, working with and holding Greenwich Council to account for delivering successfully against its stated ambition to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2030.</p> <p>In brief the aims of the Network are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To provide a way of sharing information across different local organisations to enable effective engagement with the Council</li><li>• Facilitating dialogue and coordination between groups to engage with the Council in a supportive but challenging way</li><li>• Pool resources to use the expertise from participating members to collaborate.</li></ul> <p>Further information is available on their website: <a href="https://greenwichclimatene.wixsite.com/climatenetwork/about-us">https://greenwichclimatene.wixsite.com/climatenetwork/about-us</a></p>	<p>FSP to consider joining the GGCN network [if we haven't already done so].</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	<p><b>EE Mast Replacement</b></p> <p>A planning application has been submitted to the Council regarding the replacement of their 8 metre phone mast on the roadside of Garland Road, however drawings submitted indicate that a new mast of 20 metres height is to be installed inside the park approximately 1 metre from our Noticeboard.</p> <p>A comprehensive response to all parties and our MP is now underway and we will report.</p>	<p>Need a plan of Action.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.



## **APPENDIX A**

### **Notes to 2024 AGM of Friends of Shrewsbury Park**

#### **7pm, 21 January 2025 in Shrewsbury House**

Present: 15 members

The meeting began with welcomes and the Chair's report given by Kris Inglis. This was accepted.

The Financial report by out-going treasurer, Sandra Bauer, was read by the Chair: closing balance was £2,947.53 as of 9 January 2025.

The current Management Committee members were introduced and had all agreed to continue for the new year. The Chair and members present expressed their appreciation of the Committee's work in the past year. Four members had left during the previous two months, so everyone was encouraged to consider taking up this role.

Sandra Bauer was thanked for her competent role as Treasurer and always stepping up to facilitate anything she could. The Treasurer job was explained along with the new Metro Bank arrangements. All volunteers were welcome to come forward.

Julie Hayward introduced the concept of helping as 'Allies' to the park for specific tasks and a list was available to sign up for tasks or offering skills.

Our guest speaker was our own Roy Williams of Learn Doglish fame, local dog behaviourist and coach. His talk was full of background – be more 'dog' to understand yours – with facts and tips to benefit owners, calm dogs and put other Park users at ease. Thank you to Roy.

#### **Any Other Business:**

- Promote Allies concept one afternoon in the park – with tea/coffee
- Bin issues – relocate the existing bins while we try to get more for our space, some parks have much higher proportion. Need to have them emptied more frequently because of containing dog waste now.
- What happened to the tyre swing in the woods?...
- Dodgy gate closing is damaging cars at exit
- Greener Greenwich Community Network is gaining influence, needs our support

The meeting closed at 8.45pm



## APPENDIX B

### FRIENDS OF SHREWBURY PARK

#### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16 JAN 2026

In Shrewsbury House, Bushmoor Crescent

#### Chair's Report

2025 was a busy year as always for our Park. The support of members on individual projects, joining the Management Committee, wildlife awareness and simply being the eyes and ears that monitor the park's welfare is really appreciated.

We continue to cultivate a strong working and communicating relationship with Parks and Open Spaces: through Greenwich Park's Forum, the RBG Council Climate sub group and any connections we come across.

You all received the late Spring and Winter Newsletters hopefully, put together by Julie Hayward and Sue Walker. Here's a quick summary of events:

- April: Early Bird Walk with Tim - and cleaning up the 'island' space near Kinlet gate
- May: Quiz Night with John in Shrewsbury House
- June: Herbalist Walk with Hazel
- July: Summer Festival Picnic
- September: Bat Walk with Les – and Maintenance day fuelled by Barclays
- volunteers
- October: Hedgehog Survey

Our priorities discussed so far for 2026 are decent signage throughout the Park, Dog Show including related dog activities in September, the bins situation and much more which you can add later in the meeting.

We have sign up sheets for any FSP Allies to offer help with a new birdbox project, working on funding opportunities, fixing the existing signs tree sponsoring -you name it.

Thank you so much for your support and interest. We all have individual as well as shared reasons for keeping Shrewsbury Park as natural and welcoming as can be.

Respectfully submitted

Kris Inglis



## APPENDIX C

### Friends of Shrewsbury Park Annual Accounts Statement of Income and Expenditure 2025

Opening bank balance	£ 2,947.53 (9th January 2025)	
Petty Cash N/A	£ -	
<b>Income</b>		
Quiz Revenue	£ 442.00	
Festival Revenue	£ 475.00	
Grant from RBG for Festival	£ 1,256.30	
Donations	£ 20.00	<b>£ 2,193.30</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>		
Website IT	£ 381.86	
Misc Admin	£ 20.97	
Festival Cost	£ 1,413.00	
Quiz Cost	£ 171.00	<b>£ 1,986.83</b>
<b>Surplus for the year 2024</b>		<b>£ 206.47</b>
<b>Closing Balances</b>		
Bank	£ 2,989.00	
Paypal	£ 20.00	
Petty Cash	£ 145.00	
<b>Total closing balance</b>	£ 3,154.00 (1st January 2026)	

#### Notes

We generated £1032 in gifts in kind volunteer hours which were crucial in being able to put on a successful festival. This also includes the costs for the power which was free of charge due to an issue previous year.

See Festival report for a complete list of income and expenditure items which give greater detail.