

Friends of Gladstone Park - Trustee Meeting - 8 July 2025

Minutes of meeting held in person

Present

Hazel Glenister (chair)	Francine Lawrence	Lia Colacicco	Cllr Liz Dixon
Gill Close (minutes)	Owen Plummer	Helen Goodsell	David McClements
Fitzroy Lee	Paul Hurst	Rick Gibbs	

Apologies

Cllr Tariq Dar	Mark Cummins		
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Visitor: Caroline Woollard for the item on litter and Biffa bins.

Actions are shown by initials in bold.

Constitutional matters

- The quorate group of trustees present voted unanimously in favour of the resolution "The Friends of Gladstone Park trustees appoint Rick Gibbs as a trustee of Friends of Gladstone Park", so Rick Gibbs was duly appointed as a trustee. RG spoke of the benefit of the Kilburn Cosmos Rugby Club, of which he is the joint chair, working closely with the trustees in securing suitable community space and in collaborating on activities. **FL** to update letterhead.

Litter bins

- Caroline Woollard summarised that Biffa had, in error, deposited some of its bins on 9 June in local roads, including two near the Anson Road entrance to the park and one near the park entrance in Parkside. She explained that the Biffa bins were much larger than the council's bins in the park. She reported that she had photographed the litter left near the bins and identified that, until the Biffa bins were full, less litter had been left around the Biffa bins than around the council bins. She considered that larger bins, into which park users' large bags of waste could fit and which have fox-proof lids, would reduce the amount of waste left outside bins that becomes strewn widely by animals.
- PH noted that special large vehicles were needed to pick up and empty the large Biffa bins and that the bins were plastic. Helen and FL asked if large bins could be placed near park entrances and picked up by Veolia as part of its street waste collection. Caroline said that some flats paid the council to collect a large bin. She also said that locations strewn with litter conveyed condoning of the antisocial behaviour of dropping litter. OP asked if the Krinkles contract could be amended in terms of litter collection, which it currently carries out by hand-tipping the bin contents into its vehicles. LD said it was a long contract so could not be varied soon. DM reported 10% more litter than last year, with 5 tonnes collected per week.
- Actions: **Hazel** to speak to Krinkles, Sam Haines and Kelly Eaton to ask for their suggestions on the way forward. Trustees to hold a separate meeting about litter with Sam, Kelly and Krinkles. **Caroline** to write up and share her evidence and experience with the bins so trustees can discuss it with Sam and Kelly.

Minutes of 18 March and 8 July meetings

- Minutes were approved.

Annual report

- Trustees** to send Hazel comments on the draft 2023-2024 annual report for the period November 2023 to October 2024.

Tea party in the park 2pm-4pm Saturday 13 September

- FL is leading on the event. Location will be the flat area at the back of the changing rooms if possible.
- FL** to apply to the council for the event and arrange payment. **FL** to ask Sam Haines for access to the toilets in the changing rooms.
- FL** to check if tables are available from the rugby club, including one for Helen, one for other information.
- Suggestions made: involving the library, a dog show, involving Cosmos, inviting Walk2Run to have a table, survey/sticky pads for community members' ideas about the park and Gladstone Centre, using litter pickers and promoting anti-litter approach/displaying poster.
- Arrangements for catering: cakes, hot water etc to be finalised.
- LD** to invite Cllr Ryan Hack, the Mayor of Brent.
- FL** to draft publicity.

Children's playground in the south of the park

- Regarding whether the playground group could have a separate FoGP bank account, trustees agreed to retain the FoGP Lloyds treasurer account, which does not allow any subaccounts. Trustees also decided not to invite a member of the playground group to become a trustee. This year, the council is not making available any Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money for the public to apply for.

Gladstone Centre

- LC summarised key points from her presentation at the 27 May meeting with Cllr Teo Benea, the cabinet member for regeneration, planning and property. The GPs had amended their proposal following feedback but the amount of community space in it was still low. It proposed using the middle of the site. The rugby club building would be retained during phase 1.
- LC said that options were to accept the GPs' proposal, press for amendments to it, or object to it and put forward a different proposal.
- PH said that accepting the proposal would bring about improvement upon the currently unusable building. FL wanted a big campaign for something with bigger community facilities. OP spoke of the centre's previous use as a youth club, which is still needed. Trustees said that funders for a sports centre or facilities alongside a community health hub could be sought. LD expressed concern that the building was not listed as an asset of community value, an option that the Kilburn Cosmos Rugby Club had previously been offered by the council.
- Sally Long has collated the information on the GP proposal and identified other possibilities. Trustees wanted to know what she had found out, including the details of the GP proposal, so decided to invite her to the next trustee meeting to speak about the Gladstone Centre.

Finance

- Treasurer's report accepted: balance £3531.75; 2025 gardening group spend £1036.62
- Trustees agreed that there was no need to identify a notional annual amount for copse spending.

Focus of our work

- Carried forward to the next meeting.

Volunteer policy

- Carried forward to the next meeting.

Issues raised on Facebook

- The video of a woman wielding a knife in a crowd was said to have been taken in Gladstone Park but it was not certain that it was in the park. Police had not identified the person.

Actions for trustees from previous meetings not elsewhere on the agenda

Carried forward:

- **FL** to circulate again wording about FoGP and how to become a friend for a small notice to display on noticeboards.
- **FL** and **GC** to write wording for Facebook on how and why to report Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) breaches.

Any other business

- None

Date of next meeting

- 6.30pm - 8.00pm Tuesday 9 September 2025 at Pakistan Community Centre, Marley Walk NW2 4PU