

**Minutes of meeting held in person**

Present

Hazel Glenister (chair)	Francine Lawrence	Paul Hurst	Owen Plummer
Gill Close (minutes)	David McClements	Fitzroy Lee	

Apologies

Cllr Tariq Dar	Mark Cummins	Helen Goodsell	Rick Gibbs
Lia Colacicco	Cllr Liz Dixon		

Actions are shown by initials or names in bold.

**Minutes of 2 December meeting**

- Minutes were approved.

**May tea party**

- Agreed 1pm to 3pm Saturday 16 May to avoid a clash with the FA cup final, which kicks off at 4.30pm.
- Carter Quinn from the Cosmos will provide access to tables, chairs and hot water, as well as support.
- Members of Gladstone Gardening Group and Meredith Avenue have offered to help.
- **FL** to send trustees a list of jobs and activities. **All** to indicate which they will do.

**Gladstone Centre plans and public meeting**

- **PH** will circulate the minutes of the meetings that Dr Mo Najim holds with community group representatives. From FoGP, Hazel, Francine, Helen, Paul and Lia attend, with Liz, Tariq and Rick also attending. Hazel to ask Dr Mo to add Owen to his circulation list.
- The timescale of planning approval Jun 2026, start work on site Dec 2026, completion and grant of 150-year lease Dec 2027 looks ambitious and will need planning application made very soon.
- **Hazel** to ask Dr Mo for the timetable for FoGP to input into the planning application, and the drawings for the community hall and for the café with flexible community space. Paul said the reception area would include the café and a creche. He said the upstairs community hall would have a divider.
- **Hazel** also to ask Dr Mo about the status of discussions about the name of the building before the community vote. She said that location names, rather than person names, were being proposed.
- Tanveer Ghani, the Director of Property and Assets, had said that the council expects FoGP to manage the space as a social enterprise. Sally Long has said that Cricklewood Library with FoGP could manage it as a community space. Hazel said Cricklewood Library would be able to run it but with separate funding from the library funding.
- Trustees agreed to hold a public meeting to inform the community and collect their views. Trustees identified Saturday 18 April as a possible date. **Hazel** to contact LD and Sally Long to arrange it.

**Event to celebrate the designation of the copse as a Local Nature Reserve**

- DM said the launch event needed to be put on hold until the council's legal department had signed the confirmation of the designation. **DM** to ask LD if she has heard back from the legal department about the signature.
- DM said he planned an event to unveil a sign and a festival of arts in the copse. The festival would be along the lines of the moonlight stories for children event run there previously. Both events require funding to be raised. The council parks service is unlikely to have funding to hold an opening event.

**Actions for FoGP goals**

- Trustees reviewed all goals in the 1 December 2025 list of goals and amended them to the 26 February 2026 list of goals, as attached.
- Trustees identified actions.
- Dick Heath-Brown and FL already remove access to Facebook for those making inappropriate posts.
- **PH** to check if Yvonne Hurst would like to be an additional administrator for the Facebook page.
- FL asked **all** trustees to make more posts on the FoGP Facebook page or send her information to post.
- **Hazel** to ask Helen if she could recruit a playground team member to become a trustee.

## Friends of Gladstone Park - Trustee Meeting - 24 February 2026

- Hazel said the pond had been cleared. **Hazel** said she would remind the parks service again about getting a maintenance contract in place.
- **OP** to work with **GC** to see what is possible for installing water fountains and where any existing piping can be used.
- PH reported the need for security around the top café, which had recently experienced vandalism.
- Trustees wanted to find out what the new hub café would be serving and when.
- FL said that the running water leaking between the entrance near Cricklewood Library and the low bridge was getting worse. **FL** to report to Sam Haines the running water under the hedge on the path to the library.

### Make Space for Girls in the park

- Hazel said a focus of the next meeting would be on making space for girls as there was not time to discuss it during this meeting and Lia was not present.
- Lia is championing this between meetings.
- Hazel reminded **all** trustees to think of a proposal for making space for girls in the park before then.
- **LD** to ask Braintcroft Primary School for their ideas.
- **GC** to ask Crest Academy and Our Lady of Grace Junior School for their ideas.

### Code of conduct

- The draft code of conduct referred to a FoGP safeguarding and child/vulnerable adult protection policy which can be viewed on our website. Trustees did not know what this policy contained and it was not on the website. The draft code of conduct also referred to health and safety policies. Trustees had not seen these. Hazel said trustees needed to agree policies. **DM** to send GC the safeguarding policy and the health and safety guidelines he uses to circulate.
- **GC** to circulate the draft code of conduct, and the safeguarding policy and health and safety guidelines referred to in the draft code of conduct. **All** trustees to send comments to Fitzroy. **Fitzroy** to make amendments to the draft code of conduct to be discussed at the next meeting.
- Fitzroy offered to be the FoGP safeguarding officer to take over from Lia.

### Updating website

- PH will update the website with information provided to him.

### Finance

- Treasurer's report accepted: balance £2,699.44.
- Hazel thanked PH for registering FoGP as a non-profit organisation on PayPal.

### Any other business

- GC reported that litter picks with Our Lady Of Grace Infant School children had been carried out and that their visits to the walled garden and park to fit in with the years 1 and 2 science curriculum had been planned. She thanked Helen for organising all of the details of the visits.
- **GC** to write wording for Facebook on how and why to report Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) breaches. This would be after the new PSPO signs have been finalised and ways of reporting had been publicised on the signs. GC will also send FL a pdf of the sign. The signs will be the same overall size as previous signs so they can be stuck over them, but the images will be slightly larger.
- Krinkels was not on shift to pick up litter at the pavilion at 8.30am on Saturdays.
- Trustees decided that they had enough offers of gazebos to borrow from residents and community groups for events so they did not need to buy any.

### Date of next meeting

- 6.30pm - 8.00pm Tuesday 14 April 2026 at Pakistan Community Centre, Marley Walk NW2 4PU