

## Minutes of meeting held in person

### Present

Hazel Glenister (chair)	Francine Lawrence	Paul Hurst	Owen Plummer
Gill Close (minutes)	Helen Goodsell	Fitzroy Lee	ClIr Liz Dixon
Lia Colacicco			

### Apologies

ClIr Tariq Dar	Mark Cummins	David McClements	Rick Gibbs
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Actions are shown by initials or names in bold.

### Minutes of 24 February meeting

- Minutes were approved.

### Tea party

- Trustees agreed a changed date of 2:30pm to 4:30pm Saturday 27 June.
- **Francine** to arrange the date with Carter Quinn from the Cosmos, who has offered to provide access to tables, chairs and hot water, as well as support.
- Francine said the local history society could have a stall as we could celebrate the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gladstone Park. Helen said we could include photos of the Gladstone Centre and the prefabricated housing when they were built in the park after the war.
- **Francine** to send trustees a list of jobs and activities. **All** to indicate which they will do.

### Focus of next public meeting

- Hazel summarised that it would be useful for the next public meeting to include information on the plans for the Gladstone Centre as well as council parks service input from Kelly Eaton or Samantha Haines with the contractor Krinkels and police input from a safer neighbourhood police team from one of the three wards in which Gladstone Park is included (Dollis Hill, Cricklewood and Mapesbury, and Willesden Green.
- The meeting could also celebrate achievements including the children's playground near Anson Road and the designation of the copse as a Local Nature Reserve.
- Trustees identified 2:30pm to 4:30pm Saturday 19 September as a possible date, with availability of the Cosmos clubhouse and any clashes with other events to be checked.

### Gladstone Centre plans

- LD reported that the 23 March public consultation meeting had been well organised by the doctors, well attended and received a positive response. Some community members had raised concerns at the meeting or in the online consultation. They included parking. LD praised the doctors' community engagement. Dr Mo was responding to community members who had raised concerns.
- LD said that the doctors expected only about 5 people to be waiting for an appointment at any one time. Helen wanted a clear definition of where community members could not go.
- Safeguarding had been raised in relation to the adjacent children's playground. Access across the garden area was needed.
- An FoGP goal is to achieve two cafés that are open for suitable hours with enough seating and a sufficiently wide menu. GC said that planning applications including a café in parks had been accepted when it was demonstrated to be an adjunct to park use.
- Hazel said a charity was needed to run the community facilities. Sally Long was keen for the Cricklewood Library to take over the administration of the bookings.
- GC said the architect had said that the downstairs area could be closed off from the consultation rooms so could be accessible in the evenings.
- PH said some were concerned about the name of the centre. They didn't like the word "hub". OP said the building had been called the hub in the past.
- Helen said that the playground team want dust protection during the building work.

## Friends of Gladstone Park - Trustee Meeting - 14 April 2026

### Make Space for Girls in the park

- LC provided data, including that 42% of young women felt harassed at leisure centres. The main young users of multi-use games areas (MUGA) were boys.
- LC suggested designating women-only days for sports facilities such as MUGAs and pitches. Currently the MUGA is open for free access and not bookable. GC said that a group of young women had used the MUGA for netball each week a few years ago.
- Francine asked if there were clubs we could contact. **Francine** to speak to Sofia Ali for ideas.
- LD said we could ask for suggestions at the September public meeting.
- LC said it was important to have some non-sport activities such as art, braiding or making friendship bracelets and to have places to sit. Girls might run their own classes. She mentioned the Big Sister Project of Women in Sport [www.womeninsport.org](http://www.womeninsport.org) that supports girls to enjoy sport, exercise and physical activity. **LC** to speak to her contacts.
- Trustees discussed possible spaces that could be separated off for a while for use by young women and identified the walled garden. Sitting on the grass could be permitted for short time periods.
- **LD** to ask Crest Academy headteacher Andrea Rosewell for suggestions about who could do activities for girls in the walled garden.
- GC mentioned the recent party for young people in the park and whether youth organisations could advise on such activities. **GC** to speak to Sport at the Heart and Sam Haines about events.
- Helen said she would discuss with Sam Haines the possibility of part of the MUGA being a bike skills area.

### Code of conduct

- The draft code of conduct for volunteers had been updated following feedback to Fitzroy and the safeguarding policy updated. Fitzroy said he was unable to take on the role of safeguarding officer; the name of that officer was blank in the updated safeguarding policy.
- Hazel suggested holding over the item until the next meeting when David would be present.

### Pond grant application

- LD submitted an application for £5000 three weeks ago. It included a habitat and water audit and improving the island. This will show what is needed, then the council will see how it could be included in the maintenance contract. **LD** to update trustees when she receives feedback on the application.
- Helen said cowslips had been put at the eastern end of the pond.
- There were lots of rats. Bait traps were needed.

### Finance

- Treasurer's report accepted: balance £2,529.51.
- PH reported receipt of £1750 from Waitrose. He thanked Denyse for arranging it and those contributing tokens when shopping.
- Helen said £215 was needed for gardening group expenditure.

### Any other business

- Francine reported too many negative posts on Facebook. **All** trustees to make posts and ask others to post, particularly to encourage young people into the park.
- **LD** to ask legal department for signature to confirm designation of copse as a Local Nature Reserve.
- Yvonne Hurst does not want to be an additional administrator for the Facebook page.
- **Helen** to recruit a playground team member to become a trustee.
- Hazel has reminded the council about arranging a regular maintenance contract for the pond. Dean has been asked to look at the pond. Francine suggested a local group to work on it. PH offered to be involved.
- **OP** to work with **GC** on possible water fountains and where any existing piping can be used.
- FL has reported to Sam Haines the running water under the hedge on the path to the library.
- **GC** to write wording for Facebook on how and why to report Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) breaches once the new PSPO signs have been finalised.

### Date of next meeting

- 6.30pm - 8.00pm Tuesday 9 June 2026 at Pakistan Community Centre, Marley Walk NW2 4PU