**FRIENDS OF BIRDCAGE WALK Committee Meeting Minutes**

**MONDAY 15th July 2024**

**Present: Paula, Bob, Trevor, James, Leslie**

1. **Apologies: Ros, Caroline, Norman**
2. **MINUTES of previous meeting 20th May 2024 –** were agreed**.**

1. **Actions from the previous meeting:**

Willow twigs not needed yet

Signage in hand

Homeless man: police have visited site and not found anybody at home.

Autumn gardening plans approved.

Dead trees inspected await decision.

Railings progress see below.

More stone chippings required for gateways

**Hellos and Goodbyes**

Thanks was given to Kath for her contribution, PO'R to send note of thanks and flowers. As there were a number of missing members discussion regarding new members postponed.

**Gardening update**

Leslie reported on sucessful meeting with Avon Wildlife as reported in the feedback report.

TB asked Leslie had a concious decision been made not to mow and strim in the northwest area of the graveyard as it now looked scrufy and overgrown hiding all the good work that had gone into clearing it. After some discussion Leslie to pass the BCC's 'cutting programme' to Paula for investigation.

Norman and Leslie are compiling a list of plants growing in the graveyard.

**Plan for the railings**

The gates are to be repaired by BCC

TB referred to the information provided by Dorothea Restorations which was echoed by Leslie's conversation with the Suspension Bridge master both stressing the need to have a controlled environment to contain the lead paint dust.

Po'R reported that she had had a further conversation with a council official who despite their initial reluctance had now suggested a company who might be interested in the work. PO'R and TB to meet them.

**Discussion on our aims etc**

As not all the members present this was left for another day.

It was suggested that our next meeting would be the AGM.

**AOB**

The possibility of refurbishing the shed was raised but Leslie was reluctant.