

Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of Special General Meeting¹ held Wednesday 15th August 2007

Present: S & D Crabtree, M Hood, N Marshall, E & D Hughes, J & R Ketley,

Apologies: N & W Gethin, M Smith, K Murphy, D Ward, E Langstaff, S Millward, B Darrand. (Angling Club had attended old venue, otherwise would have been present).

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved,

2. Matters arising

(a) The notice board in the park had been repaired by Don, with Neil Marshall funding the new Perspex front. A steel metal bar has been donated by a local engineering firm to reinforce the frame, a letter of thanks was sent to them. The board has been handed over to FOSP and is now our responsibility.

(b) The staging mentioned at last meeting as being available, is not now available.

3. Park Future

(a) Charitable Status

M Smith and R Ketley will be appointed trustees, taking the total number of trustees to 5. The application can now be submitted for final approval.

(b) Business Plan

(i) The café owners have not yet submitted planning application for new cafe. It is not believed they will progress this any further.

(ii) Neil Marshall is to conduct interviews in the near future for a gardener for the park.

(c) Crime in the Park

(i) Don and Sandra provided information to Debbie Ward and as a result culprits have been apprehended for damage to benches, which continue to be damaged on a regular basis. One set of parents has said their son will pay £20 for repairs. Thanks to Debbie for her tenacity.

(ii) The Toilets were re-opened and damaged caused within a day to the washbasin in the male toilet. Graffiti has started to appear on the walls but is dealt with swiftly by CF.

(iii) Sandra has written to Chief Supt. Cassidy re the vandalism and asked for a police presence in the park.

(iv) A hall of shame has been posted on our website with photos of the damage caused.

(c) Toilet Facilities

Continue to be opened regularly, but are being subject of graffiti damage. The police are aware.

¹ In accordance with the new Charity Commission Constitution, all general meetings shall be called Special General Meetings.

4 Events

(a) Fitness Trail

The opening of the fitness trail went ahead, Rosie Winterton attended and an article has appeared in Health News. The dates and times of organised health walks are on the web site. Geraldine continues to show interest and enthusiasm for organising these.

(b) Tuby's Fair

A rota will be arranged for the manning of our stall at Tuby's Noddy Festival day. So far, Neil Marshall, Eva and Derek Hughes and Sandra and Don have volunteered for the day.

4. Angling Club

No report received from angling club. Neil Marshall, Chris Stothard and Sandra had met with them regarding the injury to swans allegedly caused by fishing gear. The Swan Hospital staff were supposed to attend the meeting but failed to arrive.

6. Funding

- (a) A donation of £20 was received from Neil Marshall, the result of a collection from fans at a Rovers match.
- (b) Weather lottery this month is £25.20
- (c) Sandra asked if anyone had sold any envelope labels? None so far.

7. Projects

(a) Feasibility Studies

We have been turned down for funding for the feasibility study, Ashley was due to follow this up. Subsequently progress on the animal farm has been halted for the time being.

(b) Wildlife/Nature trail

- (i) Funding has been approved for the Nature Trail, but there will be a delay until the finances become available due to agreements requiring signing etc. The funders won't finance leaflets so we can either print some ourselves or pay about £120 to have 100 done. The Braille/audio guide would depend on whether we paid for leaflets or not.
- (ii) The boards are to be designed by the same company that did the Fitness Trail.
- (iii) There will be boards for different categories of animals. Scouts and Brownies would be approached by Debbie and Amy to design the trail.

ACTION: Amy and Debbie to progress.

8. Any Other Business

It was noted that the family of boys who have been causing most of the problems, were still active in the park.

9. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th Sept. Sandalwood Ctre