

## Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday May 17th 2006

**Present:** S Crabtree, B Darrand, R & J Ketley, S Parrett-Halbert, M Muddiman, M Hood, M Woodland M Smith, Gail Newton, Jill Morgan

**Apologies.** N Marshall, N Gethin, R Smith, D Ward, D Henry

### **Health & Safety.**

Dealt with.

At this point the meeting should have been addressed by Debbie Henry of Quality First, however she was unable to attend and offered apologies via Roy Smith.

### **1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted as a true record

### **2. Matters arising**

- (a) Memorial Benches. A design has been selected and Bell Darrand is to be the first donator. The bench will be ordered through DMBC who will be responsible for installing it in the park
- (b) Radio Sheffield has not yet offered a date for the visit of their bus to the park.

**ACTION:** Sandra to continue enquiries.

- (c) A Wheatley gala meeting will be held on Monday next. M Muddiman to attend on our behalf.

### **3. Events**

- (a) Sec outlined the arrangements made so far for Music in the Park.
- (b) Chair reported that she had taken our display to a coffee morning at Edenthorpe Community Centre and it was received with interest, possible new subscribers to the Weather Lottery were hoped for.

### **4. Park Future**

- (a) Gale Newton addressed the meeting with regard to the future prospects of our business plan.
  - i. She said how impressed she had been with the quality and detail in the plan and congratulated Siggy on its presentation.
  - ii. She saw this as a long term project and expressed concern as to whether, after initial funding, sufficient revenue could be raised to ensure its future.
  - iii. She was unable to offer any further information regarding the approach by Pleveys for a lease on the site but saw that the two projects could possibly exist side by side. At this point Jill Morgan said she had been unable to ascertain the

progress made on their application as it was still before the planning committee.

- iv. On being asked about the relevance of the Parks for People funding she stated that we would not be considered for the first round of applications as the deadline for these had passed and there was already an application from Hexthorpe to be considered. It was possible that DMBC would have to consider the position of all the parks in Doncaster before any decisions could be made.
- v. When asked about the situation with park wardens she said that, regretfully, the contract for wardens was for only two years and no funding was available to continue this at the present time. M woodland said that since the wardens left, vandalism had restarted and would it not be the case that the expense incurred in repairing damage done in the park would be saved by the continuation of the warden scheme. Gail replied that the decision was not in her hands.
- vi. She promised to further look at the cost involved in our plan, the involvement with H Boot and report back at a later date.

**ACTION:** Siggy to liaise with Gail and her team to progress the Business Plan

**5. Angling Club**

- (a) M Woodland reported that quotes for installing electricity supply for fountains from DMBC amounted to around £8,000. Gail was to check with Debbie Ward re possible funding.
- (b) He reported that 350 roach had been killed in the lake. Reason not yet known, could be stress, poisoned water, diseased fish added or possible lake bed disturbance. Tests were to be carried out

**6. Funding**

Chair reported that proceeds of Weather lottery for last month were £15.75.

**7. Wardens**

Chair said that when she attended the One Stop Shop at Cantley she had picked up some information on the Coalfield Regeneration Fund. She has since had meetings with Debbie, Mick Wainwright, Neil Marshall and Gill Morgan, and collectively, an application form had been submitted to the Fund. The request was for funding for a park warden for 4 months. A reply is not expected immediately as it takes some time for the decision to be made.

**8. Any Other Business**

**None**

**Date of next meeting.**

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday June 14, 7.00 pm. Due to Concert the following weekend.