

Friends of Sandall Park

Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 20th September 2006

Present: S Crabtree, B Darrand, R & J Ketley, M Woodland M Smith, N & W Gethin

Apologies. M Muddiman, M Hood, E Hughes, D Ward

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted as a true record

2. Matters arising

(a) The proposed social event at Edenthorpe Village hall has been cancelled due to the event not being endorsed by Edenthorpe Community Centre committee. Chair felt that we needed their support to ensure the event was a success.

(b) The first memorial bench in the park sponsored by B Darrand has been installed and was reported in several of the local press.

3. Events

(a) The sec reported that a provisional date of Saturday 9th June 2007 had been fixed for the next music in the park event. A provisional booking had also been made with the Doncaster Concert Band to play at the event

4. Angling Club

(a) M Woodland reported that the pegs were now complete, 2 were to be rectified as they weren't up to standard.

(b) The Youth Service had booked the lake for a fishing event for Doncaster Youth day on 29th August but had left the organising and the running of the event to the angling club. There were 17 entrants fishing for three and a half hours, £20 in prize money was allocated.

(c) Nearly 500 oxygenating plants were to be installed next week.

(d) No progress yet on the fountains except that it had been discovered that a single phase electricity supply would be ample, not three phase as originally thought.

(e) Secretary has written to Hayfield Lakes asking if they'd like to sponsor the fountains but no reply has been received to date.

5. Funding

(a) Chair reported that proceeds of Weather lottery for this month were £20.16

(b) £17.50 was required from funds to renew the gaming licence.

6. Wardens

Chair has set up a written petition to appeal for wardens to be reintroduced to both Sandall and Grove Parks. The on-line petition has received some attention but not enough to be effective. The Doncaster Advertiser had done an excellent article about the lack

of wardens and had given it full front page coverage. Letters of support had been in the following weeks editions.

7. **Park Future**

No update

8. **Projects**

(a) **Fitness Trail**

Chair reported that her husband Don had suggested a Fitness Trail be incorporated into the Park. He had drawn up some proposals for the construction of a fitness trail which were presented and agreed.

ACTION: Don Crabtree to progress

(b) **Volunteer Week**

Plans were going ahead to install bird boxes; construct a sensory garden and a dipping pond. Official permission to dredge the small pond would be required from Community First. Funding from Yorkshire Forward and Community Chest was paying for all the improvements, including the provision of 6 additional benches. Any volunteers available should be at the park Monday 23rd October through to Saturday 28th. The 'team' would be in evidence throughout the park.

9. **Any Other Business**

(a) Concern was expressed about the policing of the park during the hours of darkness, especially with regards to anglers and the bailiffs who may witness anti social behaviour and find themselves in an unpleasant situation.

(b) Treasurer presented an up to date account of our funds.

Date of next meeting.

The date of the next meeting was fixed for Wednesday October 18th