

## Friends of Sandall Park

### **Minutes of meeting held Wednesday 21st February 2007**

**Present:** E Langstaff (CSO), M Wainwright, M Smith and I Thompson (visitor) S & D Crabtree, R Ketley, N & W Gethin, E Hughes, M Smith

**Apologies:** M Muddiman, M Hood, D Ward, N Marshall, C Fairbrother (D M B C )  
B Darrand (due to meeting being upstairs), J Ketley

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and accepted as a true record

**2. Matters arising**

(a) E Hughes commented that a renewal of the fishing rights to the Corner Pin Club would be most beneficial to the park. Sec. had prepared a letter to go with their application for renewal which was read to the meeting.

(b) No further info available re the state of the poplars

**3. Events**

(a) There is to be a sponsored walk event on March 14th organised by Asda and Safer Neighbourhood Team (Mick Wainwright and Debbie Ward) in aid of Grove and Sandall parks. Ron will organise and man our display stall in the Asda car park marquee. Eva and Maraid would try to attend, no-one else available.

(b) Quiz night to be held in the Catholic cub on Friday 30th March. It was decided that we would join forces with Friends of Grove Gardens on this and split the proceeds.

Members to sell as many tickets as possible please, we need some capital.

Asda are donating £50 of prizes for the quiz night, and Mick Wainwright has acquired £50 for prize money. Mick and Miriam arranging the Club; pie and peas; allocation of tickets to Asda, FOGG and FOSP: Don & Sandra dealing with the quiz and allocating tickets to FOSP.

**4. Angling Club**

No report available from angling club.

**5. Funding**

Awards for all applied for, for the fitness trails. Answer expected in about 8 weeks.

**6. Wardens**

No further progress made re wardens.

## 7. Park Future

- (a) Chris Fairbrother was due to attend the meeting but sent his apologies. He asked that a meeting be set up during office hours and he would update the group with regard to Pleveys.
- (b) Ian Thompson having heard our proposals for a small animal farm, came to the meeting to put similar proposals in line with what we were proposing for this venture.  
He has the lease for the plant centre next to Moira's house in the park and had the idea to use the ground available on his land to set up a small plant centre and small animal farm. He stated that his staff would run the plant centre, and together with volunteers from our group, would run the farm. It was felt by the meeting that this proposal was perhaps more beneficial to us in view of the apparent reluctance of Pleveys to share the space originally envisaged.  
A further meeting was arranged with Ian, Sandra and Mick Wainwright to discuss the proposals. Ziggy to be contacted later with a view to attending.
- (c) We need to acquire sponsorship for the Music in the Park concert. There is a serious concern that we are going to be under-funded and need **at least** £1000 in order for it to go ahead. All avenues of sponsorship are to be explored.

## 8. Projects

Nothing to report

### Any Other Business

- (a) In view of the vandalism being experienced at the moment it was decided to shelve the bog garden project for the time being. Plants have had to be replanted and new ones put in on numerous occasions but they were continually being ripped out. Further crime reports have been made to the police by the chairman.
- (b) The benches were to be moved from that site and repositioned, awaiting availability of CF staff to perform this task, as vandals had tried to set fire to them. A request has also been made to move the two from the quiet garden before they get damaged.
- (c) 2 picnic benches have been delivered and are to be erected, when CF staff become available, and another memorial bench had been ordered.

### Date of next meeting.

Wednesday. 21st March 7pm

**NB: Members please note that this meeting will be at the Sandallwood centre opposite the park on Thorne road as Clay Lane office has been booked for other purposes.**