

**Friends of Sandall Park**  
**Minutes of Special General Meeting<sup>1</sup>**  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2009**  
**(Sandallwood Centre)**

**Apologies:** D Hughes, W Gethin, B Darrand, N Gethin, M Smith

**Present:** S & D Crabtree, R & J Ketley, M Hood, C & C Burton, E Hughes, N Marshall, Insp N Thomas, B Boughen, D Ward, G Gillings

This meeting followed the Annual General Meeting where all Trustees and officials were re-elected unopposed.

Insp. Thomas introduced himself and talked about community meetings to discuss policing priorities within the area. He then left the meeting.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

**2. Matters arising**

1. The night fishing was reported to the NRT –no responses yet.
2. The finance course available through CVS – Sandra is to attend a course (free accounting software available if the course is attended).
3. The Continental nights discussed is to be on the 28<sup>th</sup> February which is incompatible with other dates. No further involvement.
4. Civic Trust – require further work of the chair which is not possible at this time due to other commitments. No further action at this time.
5. The Crime Prevention Officer has sent the CP report.

**3. Business Plan**

**3(i). Crime Reduction Plan**

**a Authorative Presence**

Nothing to report.

**b Enforcement**

Nothing to report

**3(ii) Designing Out Crime**

**a Golf Course**

- (i) SNT were thanked for all the work involved in facilitating the golf course work and having the trees taken down. N Marshall said there was still a bit of final tidying up to do, he would chase this up with the relevant department.

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<sup>1</sup> In accordance with the Charity Commission Constitution, all general meetings shall be called Special General Meetings.

- (ii) Carol is looking into further funding for a wildlife area alongside the fence nearest the Wheatley Hotel, together with another wildlife interpretation board for that area.
- (iii) The fencing has been paid for by DMBC so FOSP don't have to contribute to this.
- (iv) A number of dog fouling and litter dropping signs have been purchased with FOSP funds, and erected around the park and entrances by SNT.
- (v) The meeting with the facilitator from Community Spaces had taken place and he seemed impressed with our park and project. He gave advice on disabled access and suggested additional footpaths should be put in, in particular commencing at the 'D' layby on Thorne Road to provide access to benches and fitness equipment. Further work is required to submit a Stage 2 application and further liaison with the facilitator Phil Chambers.

**ACTION:** Sandra to progress application.

**3(iii) Park Development**

Toilets

Eva had nothing to report. Nothing had been resolved at the budget meeting. Councillors Hughes & Hood and N Marshall still trying to resolve this. Discussion took place re the possibility of FOSP employing someone to undertake cleaning, but doubts were expressed as to the viability of such a scheme.

**3(iv) Angling Club**

Reported that some trees were overhanging some of the fishing pegs and could cause problems.

**ACTION:** Chair to raise an email to CF control

**3(v) Bog Pond**

Everything appears to be undamaged, plants still intact. A child's scooter had been thrown into the pond but that is the extent of the nuisance to date.

**3(vi) Communications**

a. Web site

The 'new' web site has been running for a year now and Don proposed to restructure and bring it up to date, with possible new features. He sought approval for further funding, agreed.

b. Notice Boards

Being updated regularly and in good repair. The damaged one on the toilet block is to be replaced by Sita.

c. Newsletters/promotional Material

A newsletter was distributed to participants of the health walk and was well received.

**3(vii) Funding/Events**

a. Quiz Night

Tickets still available.

b. Music in the Park 2009

Ron reported that he was still having difficulty finding a subcontractor to provide staging etc. Don said that if not successful in the near future we leave it for a possible date next year.

d. Fakefest

A good article was printed in the Doncaster Entertainer about the proposed FakeFest in the park. Permission has still not been granted officially – another meeting has been called. Sandra expressed concern that unnecessary delays could cost us this prestigious event. Nothing can be progressed until after 28<sup>th</sup> February.

e. Care to Run 2009

Correspondence with Aurora organisers suggested a date of 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Details to be confirmed.

f. Health Walk

Attracted 98 people. Others were planned, Geraldine investigating. Comment was made about the amount of dog excrement around the walk, it was embarrassing.

g. Funding/Treasurers Report

(i) Neil G sent a report on the update of the financial state, together with a resume of the annual accounts.

(ii) Lottery income was £26.14.

**4. Any Other Business**

a. The volunteer policy has been amended and agreed.

b. Don presented a detailed report on the recent survey carried out in the park.

c. It was proposed that we make a donation of £50 to Clay Lane Partnership for the use of our office/storage space. Agreed.

d. Sandra reported that Warburtons were offering funding at the moment. She is to investigate the possibility of sponsorship for corporate T shirts and jackets for FOSP members.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009