

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 10th February 2010
(Sandalwood Centre)

Apologies: C & C Burton, D & M Ward, N Marshall, L Nokes, C Yates, J Ketley, M Wainwright, L Hunter

Present: S & D Crabtree, E Hughes, D Bewell, R Ketley, M Downing, S Stokes, M Smith, M Hood, E Langstaff, Faye Larkins, W & N Gethin,

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed, with two amendments:

M Downing was entered twice as being present;

Neil Gethin said that as he had taken calendars, he would be making a donation of £20 into funds.

2. Matters arising

i. Moira continuing to enquire into fencing repairs

ACTION: Moira to chase up repairs to perimeter fencing.

ii. The Dog Control Order was being pursued by Rachael Blake. She had been in touch with Legal Department who had informed her it was the remit of Parks Dept. Continuing.

ACTION: Rachael to follow up Dog Control Order

iii. The '7 day rule' imposed by the council on tracing offenders also being enquired into by Rachael.

ACTION: Rachael to follow up 7 day rule

iv. The trees we had purchased through the grant were traced to Cantley Park depot by Mick Wainwright. A meeting had taken place with Les Mayes as to the best location for planting, and a new copse in the rough area was decided upon.

v. The application for BTCV Community Network has been submitted.

3. Business Plan

3(i). Crime

a. Minor damage in the form of stickers and now paint bearing the slogan 'Love' or 'gold' is appearing around the park. Cleaned off by Don. The same logo has been seen in the town centre area.

b. The only other 'problem in the park' is the extent to which dog fouling is blighting the park. Faye Larkins said that there would be some plain clothes patrols in the near future to identify offenders.

Sandra said she'd purchased 22 dog waste bag carriers (that clip to a dog's collar or lead for a constant supply of bags) at £1 each. Applications have been submitted for grants for these, but in the meantime we can try and encourage people to 'pick up' and target this problem. This had been agreed by most members via email. A bag full of the 'carriers' were given to Faye to hand out during the patrols.

3(ii) Park Development

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

- a. Playbuilder Project
Appears to be well on the way to completion and will be a pleasing and valuable addition to the parks facilities. The removal of the concrete base of the boat house area is not now included in the Playbuilder funding but will be completed by Ian Parker's team.
ACTION: Ian Parker to provide update please
- b. Future Projects
 - i. CCTV
Is well on the way to becoming a reality. We have to register with the Information Commission for Data Protection purposes, and discussions are ongoing with SNT as to whether they can perform the role of Data Controllers.
 - ii. Lake Edging
Don outlined several meetings which he and Sandra had attended with Haslams with regards to repairs to the lake edging. They had been led to believe that Haslams would contribute significantly towards the repairs. A meeting convened yesterday, 9/2/10 with Haslams revealed this not to be the case. They will make a significant contribution but not insufficient for the process to be completed.
A meeting with Council leaders, the Mayor and Haslams today, 10/2/10 discussed all the possibilities and further avenues of funding are to be explored. Don offered to contribute £2,000 (of FOSP funds) towards the lake edging if it came to that, to ensure the work went ahead.
- 3(iii) Angling Club**
No report from Corner Pin.
Sandra and Don were approached by anglers wanting to know what was happening to the fishing rights. They expressed an opinion that they would continue fishing despite the no angling rule. They were advised they faced repercussions from the council.
- 3(iv) Communications**
A technical problem had been encountered with the web site, but Don has now resolved this. 'Viewers' were advised at the time.
- 3(v) Funding/Events**
 - a. Funding
 - i. £292 raised from Quiz Night.
 - ii. We have had the income from the Weather Lottery, and donations from the media, with no expenditure other than Dog Waste Carriers and printing expenses.
 - iii. Neil said we had sufficient funds to purchase another 50 dog waste carriers.
ACTION: Sandra to purchase.
 - b. Treasurers Report
Was presented and reported to be in a healthy position. It has been audited and found to be correct.
 - c. Music in the Park 2010
 - i. Ron may have a music system sorted. Enquiries being made as to suitability of our generator for it. Neil G will make enquiries to have the generator looked at.
 - ii. Ron did apply to Grass Roots for funding but because Don has already submitted an application, they cannot accept a second.
 - iii. Sarah said she had found a source for flags to sell. She was requested to go ahead and purchase 200.
 - d. Quiz Night

Huge success, £292 raised. Thanks to all who supported and Don for the hard work he put into making it a success. Letters of thanks sent to sponsors - The Red Tomato Pizza Takeaway and Fake Festivals for the donation of raffle prizes.

e. Health Walks

There will be a Health Walk, from the series 'Walking for Health' in the park on 7th March. So far our walk is the only one with no entries. Members requested to publicise it.

f. 5-a-side Football: Sport Relief

Chris Yates sent out an email suggesting we enter a team for this event on 18th March at the Dome: 6pm – 9pm. Emails have been circulating and we now have two teams entered. Each player to pay £7 entry fee.

ACTION: Sandra to sort entries out

g. Rock Fest – 22 May

Tickets are already going well and they haven't been advertised yet.

4. Any Other Business

a. Don said dates have been set for Care to Run and Santa Dash – printed onto the new calendars.

b. Don relayed a message from Chris Yates that he hoped to set up a running club to make use of the park in the evenings. Further details to be announced.

c. Neil G said that a Race Night was planned for October again. Don to make enquiries to see what dates are available for Club 39.

ACTION: Don to check availability

5. Date of next meeting:

Wednesday 17th March