

**Friends of Sandall Park**  
**Minutes of Special General Meeting<sup>1</sup>**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010**  
**(Sandalwood Centre)**

**Apologies:** C & C Burton, N & W Gethin, D & M Ward, N Marshall

**Present:** S & D Crabtree, E Hughes, D Bewell, R & J Ketley, M Downing, S Stokes, C Yates, M Smith, Community Warden M Wainwright, L Nokes M Hood, M Downing

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed,

**2. Matters arising**

- i. Moira has had no response with regards to the damaged fencing being claimed for from insurance. To be followed up with Lisa Carter, Parks Dept.  
**ACTION: Moira to chase up repairs to perimeter fencing.**
- ii. All the calendars have now been distributed – there were no requests for purchases so none were sold, all were given away but to relevant places where they would have most promotional impact.
- iii. Lisa said that the proposed date for a charity run in the park of 28<sup>th</sup> March clashed with the Sport Relief event at the Keepmoat and numbers taking part would be affected. Sandra said that DCT hadn't got back to us anyway, and there wouldn't be enough time to get things underway now.

**3. Business Plan**

**3(i). Crime**

- a. A black cygnet was killed by a Bull Mastiff type dog which chased it on to the ice and grabbed it by the neck. Witnessed and reported by two anglers.
- b. Enquiries were being made through Rachael Blake for a Dog Control Order to be issued for the Park. To cover the area from the concrete steps, right round to the slope up to the Dell and Bog Garden, for dogs to be kept on a lead in this area. This will prevent more wildfowl being killed, and put a stop to people letting their dogs straight out of the car into the trees to do their 'business' out of sight in the trees. This is especially important now the new playground is in situ.
- c. Don has asked Rachael to challenge the 7 day ruling that DMBC impose on their staff for the tracing of offenders. It's not a legal requirement and doesn't allow sufficient time for the tracing of offenders who refuse to provide their details – as happened with a man allowing his dog to foul the park.

**3(ii) Park Development**

**a. Golf Course Grant**

The trees haven't gone in yet, but the saplings have been moved onto the golf course, to make way for the Playbuilder project. Two memorial trees will remain in situ. The money has all been claimed from the grant with the exception of the funding for two concerts this year.

**b. Playbuilder Project**

Started 20.01.10.

**c. Future Projects**

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

- (i) **CCTV**  
We have been offered a CCTV system for a very reasonable and affordable price – to cover the car park, toilets, café and part of the lake. Joy at the café has agreed to make a donation towards the running cost. Enquiries are continuing with DMBC as to the technicalities.
- (ii) **Possible events**  
A local businessman has expressed an interest in organising events in the park. More discussions are to take place.
- (iii) **Park Warden**  
An offer has been made for the funding of a civilian warden for the park, enquiries are continuing to progress this.
- (iv) **Shopping Bags**  
An application has been submitted to TRAX FM for funding for more bags to give out in the park. The recent project has been a real success.
- (v) **Dog waste bag carriers**  
Sandra suggested applying for a grant to purchase an amount of these that clip to a dog's collar, so the owner always has a supply of bags to 'pick up' It would be another good way of engaging the public, especially those who don't clear up after their dogs
- (vi) **Further Play areas for youngsters**  
Sandra suggested that we could develop the playbuilders concept with additional natural play areas for young children. The group were asked to give it some thought for a future project and funding bid.
- (vii) **ILM staff (Intermediate Labour Market)**  
It is likely that Sandall Park will be given a team of workers to help in the park with allocated tasks. Further information to follow.

**3(iii) Angling Club**

The angling club have confirmed they will not be applying for the renewal of the fishing rights in the park in April. It was suggested that we concentrate on developing the wildlife aspect of the park and making it a wildlife sanctuary.

**3(iv) Communications**

Web site searches are now looking for FOSP and not just Sandall Park, and hits have increased considerably

**3(v) Funding/Events**

- a. **Santa Dash**  
Around £4000 collected so far, 400 santa's and reindeers took part as well as numerous dogs with their Christmas outfits on. It was a huge success and a fun day. To be repeated next year and discussions have already taken place with Aurora.
- b. **Music in the Park 2010**  
Ron to concentrate on getting music system.  
Sarah said she would take on the task of sourcing flags to sell.
- c. **Funding**  
Lottery income was £25.92 this month.
- d. **Treasurers Report**  
Neil G sent his report as per the AGM, it was read out to the meeting and to be circulated by email.
- e. **Quiz Night**  
70 tickets sold so far. Prizes for raffle include 2 pairs of tickets for Rockfest donated by FakeFestivals and 3 x £10 vouchers for family pizza meal donated by the Red Tomato pizza takeaway. Letters of thanks to be sent to them.
- f. **Health Walks**

There will be a Health Walk in the park on 7<sup>th</sup> March.

4. **Any Other Business**

- a. Don reported that a Life Saving Rope had been purchased with the money donated by the man who he and Sandra had rescued from the lake, along with his dog. It will be kept in the café and notices put up informing people of its existence. It is a FOSP initiative but not supported by DMBC.
- b. Don asked Lisa if the plans were still in hand to have the beech hedging in the main car park trimmed right down, she said that it was down on the list.
- c. Don mentioned that he and Sandra had visited East Park in Hull and were impressed by the quality of the park. It was worth a trip out by the group. Agreed it was something to arrange in the future.
- d. Lisa asked if the new trees that we have purchased with the grant have been invoiced as Phil Hulbert has now left. Sandra confirmed that Phil had said the trees were ordered; FOSP have been invoiced and have paid DMBC the £2080.00. There was also a tree to be claimed from Community Parks – our prize for the Doncaster in Bloom Award.  
**ACTION: Lisa to ascertain whereabouts of new trees**
- e. Chris Yates outlined a grant that was available to be applied for from the Police Authority to combat anti social behaviour. It was suggested we could try for funding for CCTV, or more shopping bags (combat litter) and Dog poo bags (combat dog fouling).  
**ACTION: Chris to submit an application**
- f. Marianne asked Sandra if she'd received a phone call from John Hoyland, she'd passed her contact details on. Sandra confirmed that she had - Saga magazine wanted to do an interview and take photos in the park in spring, for an article in Saga's national magazine in autumn. The subject being about community groups turning a park around.  
**ACTION: Sandra to liaise with John for an article**
- g. Eva stated that she didn't support the council attitude on not having lifesaving equipment anywhere in park, Moira concurred.
- h. Mick reported that the trophies for this year's Aurora event have been ordered.
- i. Sandra suggested that as we are going to concentrate on encouraging wildlife in the park, it might be a good idea to join the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers Community Network group. They would be a good source for advice and assistance, though it costs £35 per year. Agreed it was a good idea, and if after a year it wasn't found to be suitable we could terminate the membership.  
**ACTION: Sandra to complete an application.**

5. **Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb (one week early due to holidays)