

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 21st July 2010
(Sandalwood Centre)

Apologies: D Ward, Carolyne Burton, M Downing, D Bewell, W Gethin, R & J Ketley, N Marshall, S Stokes
Sandra said that Marianne was unwell and she wouldn't be able to attend meetings in the foreseeable future. Sandra suggested some flowers be sent from the group. Agreed.

Present: D & S Crabtree, M Hood, N Gethin, M Wainwright, L Nokes, M Smith, E Hughes, L Handley, R Gaines, Carol Burton

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- i. Fencing damaged by road accidents: an email from Rachael summarised the facts – Moira and Sandra had written to Rosie Winterton regarding the failure to get anywhere within council on this issue. Rosie had then written to Rachael requesting a solution, who contacted Highways who informed her they cannot progress it because the police aren't furnishing details of offending drivers. Rachael to meet with local police to resolve this issue for future but it still remains that previous drivers haven't been made to pay for the damage. Funding will have to be sought elsewhere for replacement panels. Matter closed.
- ii. Dog control order – Legal say there is no order in force. Rachael said she would arrange a meeting with Community Parks and FoSP to progress things.
ACTION: Rachael to set up a meeting
- iii. 7 day rule for tracing offenders – This apparently was never actually a ruling. It has now been formally stated that all reasonable efforts should be made to trace offenders. Matter closed.
- iv. CCTV - no update yet from Rachael. Police still to give a response as to Data Controller but cannot provide staff to monitor the camera's (this actually was never an issue and not a situation that will be required).
ACTION: Rachael to continue to speak with police.
- v. Kerry Gold grant availability: Doesn't apply to us as it's for groups who aren't registered as a charity.
- vi. Lisa said that Helping Hands came out and did a lot of jobs in the park, tidying up the rockery, litter picking etc and enjoyed their day of volunteering.
- vii. ILM have agreed to do the work putting in a bollard for vehicular access next to the depot.

3. Business Plan

3(i). Crime

- i. The double notice board near the children's play area had the Perspex completely smashed in both sides and all the posters and photographs stolen. A crime report was made.
- ii. The toilets have been blocked several more times – toilet rolls have been forced down the toilet bowls in the ladies.
- iii. Unsavoury activities by men: Emma Langstaffe had contacted Renee Brown who put out a message on various web sites and magazines having spoken to Sandra about the problems. The situation will be monitored but we can call upon Renee's help if required.

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

- iv. Water lilies in the bog pond: Lucan and Neil will don their waders and drag them further into the lake.
- v. Another black swan has died but not known how. As it was on the bank – a dog killing is suspected but can't be proved.

3(ii) Park Development

a. Boat House Area

ILM will hopefully be starting work in the morning. All the agreements have been signed finally.

b. Future Projects

i. Obstacle Course

Several emails have passed between Community Parks and Sandra regarding suitability, maintenance etc. One issue was the recycled tyres and their installation – Eva said that tyres had been installed as play equipment in Park School and were just held down by straps, there shouldn't be any reason why ours couldn't be the same.

ACTION: Sandra to pursue

ii. Playbuilders

Tom Thumb steel benches (child size benches): Mick Ward getting back to us with a price for producing these to the appropriate standard.

ACTION: Sandra to continue enquiries about this possibility

c. Spring Drain

Lisa to ask the gutter drainage people to take a look and suggestion of digging it out and filling it with hardcore to be looked into.

d. Sponsorship

- i. Ready Steady Store has paid a cheque of £500 into FoSP funds for their sponsorship. They have also given the group a storage unit in their building, the only cost being £3 a month for their insurance.

- ii. Red Tomato Pizza takeaway

Have agreed to sponsor 3 new banners for the park. Negotiations ongoing.

- iii. The Olive Tree Pub and Grill

Are interested in becoming a sponsor of the group. Don is still in negotiations with them.

3(iii) Angling Club

The leases are being advertised and submissions will be examined in due course. A start date of 1st September is planned for new leases to take effect.

3(iv) Communications

a. ILM meeting

Sandra and Don met with a development worker from ETL (Employment Training Links) who was looking to set up other community voluntary groups and a community group forum. She had been told that FoSP were a Flagship voluntary group and that our advice and experience should be tapped into. A positive meeting took place, followed by a tour of the park.

b. TV programme

Don has been approached to take part in a documentary about crime and children (due to the involvement with the family from Wheatley who caused problems in the park). Discussions are to take place.

c. Saga magazine

A photographer had been out from the magazine and taken over 1000 photo's for a montage for the article on Sandall Park. 3 parks will be featured in a five page spread, one from London, one from Norwich and ours. It was scheduled to be printed in the autumn.

3(v) Funding

a. Funding

- i. Lottery income this month is £26.46.
- ii. Groundwork Uk/Big Lottery fund
As we had to cancel the Music concert, we purchased 2 gazebos with the funds instead. These are from the sustainability grant.
- b. Treasurers Report
Nothing new to report, the balance is still healthy. A copy of the finances was given to the chairman.

3(vi) Events

- a. Tombola – August BH Funfair
 - i. Tables would be needed, as well as volunteers to transport and erect gazebo as Don and Sandra wouldn't be available.
 - ii. Sandra suggested buying our own tables rather than relying on being able to borrow them all the time. Neil G said we had the money available to buy our own. Agreed.
ACTION: Sandra to arrange purchase of folding tables.
 - iii. There are numerous prizes in storage in RSS.
- b. Care to Run 2010
 - i. Don asked for specific volunteers to be marshalls to put their names forward please. He would be doing a briefing at 9.45am though he and Sandra would be there from 6.30am.
 - ii. There will be no additional stalls or amusements this time.
 - iii. Don said that if SNT couldn't assist with staff – we would still need to have access to barriers and bins. To be arranged with SNT.
- c. Music in the Park 2010
 - i. Lisa said there might have been some confusion with Doncaster Live – it actually ends on 5/9 which would coincide with our concert, and perhaps it could be included in the itinerary.
ACTION: Sandra to pursue
 - ii. Again Don said, in the absence of SNT working weekends, we would need access to chairs and bins. To be arranged with SNT.
 - iii. Alexander's manager hadn't got back to us, so we will continue negotiations for next year's concert.
- d. Race Night (Friday 1st October)
 - i. Will cost £155 for the organiser.
 - ii. 8 sponsors are needed for the races at £25 per race.
 - iii. Neil G will be away for the 18th August and requested the meeting be brought forward so he can sort out the arrangements for the race night. Agreed.

4. Any Other Business

- a. Green Heroes Award – Sandra outlined details of an award sponsored by BTCV and she will be submitting an entry for FoSP.
ACTION: Sandra to submit nomination for FoSP

- 5. Date of next meeting: Wednesday 11th August 2010, 7pm**
Please note date change