

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

**Apologies:** N Marshall, S Coddington, B Boughen, E Hughes  
Not present due to representing FOSP at Doncaster in Bloom Presentation night are:  
D Bewell, R & J Ketley

**Present:** S & D Crabtree, N & W Gethin, M Hood, D & M Ward, Community Warden M  
Wainwright, Community Warden F Larking, L Nokes, L Hunter, M Smith, C & C  
Burton

Chair welcomed Liza Hunter, Project & Planning Officer for Neighbourhoods to the meeting.

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed, with the exception that S & C Burton should read C & C Burton.

**2. Matters arising**

- i. The specialised rubbish bins with rat bait compartments underneath have now been installed and we should see a decline in the rat population.
- ii. Don, Sandra and Derrick (with his wife Sheila) had attended the presentation night for the shopping bags and received the cheque from Doncaster Recycling Partnership.
- iii. No progress has been made yet with regards to the repairs to perimeter fencing but Moira will continue to pursue it.
- iv. Debbie has a few tweaks to make to the calendar then we can order some. Sandra had negotiated with Groundwork to part fund the calendars with an under-spend from the Golf Course Grant. The only stipulation being that their logos must go on it.
- v. Sandra & Don attended the Veolia open day at the landfill site at Carcroft and found it very interesting. A brochure distributed at the open day which contained photographs of our nature trail project funded by Veolia, was shown to the meeting. The same photos were on their promotional notice boards at the open day.

**3. Business Plan**

**3(i). Crime**

- a. No vandalism this month but reports of fishing twine having been put across a footpath bringing a child from her scooter, and a bailiff being hit across the head by an illegal angler were cause for concern.
- b. Don raised the issue of fly posting: every time someone loses a dog they put posters on the trees all round the park, but then fail to take them down. The recent fishing twine incident saw posters go up all over the park leaving it looking extremely messy, not to mention damaging the trees with large nails. Don & Sandra had taken a substantial number down as had Mick Wainwright. As a result Don has put an article on the website offering to advertise lost dogs on the website and in the proper notice boards.

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

### 3(ii) Park Development

#### a. Golf Course Grant

The final part is now underway with the trees being ordered this week, and the Sandall Beat junior rangers attending this Saturday to plant bulbs. As we had already planted our grant obtained bulbs earlier in the year, we need to purchase some additional ones for the Rangers to plant. Carol and Carolyne are overseeing this project. Mick Wainwright said he might be able to get some additional bulbs.

#### b. Playbuilder Funding

Everything seems to be going ahead as planned. The memorial trees will need relocating and the donors seen beforehand to make sure they're okay with the move.

**ACTION: Don & Sandra to speak to tree donors**

#### c. Future Projects

- (i) There is no update from the contractors for the lake edging, though an email has been sent requesting any information that may be available. Lisa Hunter said that it had gone through Planning department and planning permission is not required. It may however have to go through the ODR process (Officer Decision Record) whereby various departments and the legal department have to have sight of the plans and record their agreement or disagreement for the project to go ahead. Sandra voiced concerns about the length of time this might take and the obvious threat to the project. Liza said she would try to hurry things along though she had only this afternoon received a reply from the Landscape Architects, even though she first contacted them 3 weeks ago.
- (ii) Sandra & Don had met with Roger Tuby with regards to the possibilities of having children's rides in the park. Roger said that it wasn't feasible for his company to do it – taking into account staff costs, removal and siting of equipment on a daily basis and fuel costs, it wouldn't be financially viable. He suggested the volunteer group having their own bouncy castle or similar but this wasn't thought to be viable by the group. The concept of a putting green is still an option.

### 3(iii) Angling Club

Don read out an email from a member of the public, and some points made by Derrick regarding angling on the lake. There have been many complaints, which are gathering momentum about the amount of injuries to ducks and geese, most of which are left on the FOSP ansaphone or Sandra's mobile. The most recent concern:

- Injuries to wildlife
- Repeated calls to and visits by RSPCA to deal with the injuries
- Anglers fishing in the wrong areas – i.e. designated feeding areas
- Bailiffs allowing fishing in the wrong areas, and doing it themselves
- Night fishing – which Corner Pin members admit to, including allegedly – one of the bailiffs.
- Anglers using multiple rods on stands (the Corner Pin rules notice board specifies one rod only)
- Putting tents up – again the rules state no bivvies
- The email from the public complained of being threatened by anglers because she was feeding ducks nearby.
- Anglers urinating against trees in full public view (even though the toilets were open at the time).

Unfortunately Barrie couldn't be at the meeting for the issues to be discussed more fully: further consultation will be needed, though Mick Ward did say that the responsible anglers look after their equipment and don't leave discarded line lying around.

**3(iv) Communications**

Nothing different to report.

**3(v) Funding/Events**

a. Santa Dash

- (i) 13<sup>th</sup> December has been set as the Santa Dash – and already interest has been positive with many applications already sent out. All applicants at £6 will receive a free santa suit and medal, younger applicants at £3 will get reindeer antlers, flashing red nose and a medal. It is hoped that 300 santa's will be running round the park on this date!

Music in the Park 2010

Don has done a deal with Doncaster Concert Band: the funding we receive from the Groundwork will pay for two concerts next year, (one with staging, one without) and then DCB will then do a further concert in 2011 for free. So we will have two major concerts for the next two years, fully funded. To do this we will be using the staging that we got for free which Don has adapted to be able to be put up quickly.

The first of the concerts is 13<sup>th</sup> June. It coincides with the start of the World Cup (football) but hopefully it won't affect it unduly.

b. Race Night

Neil Gethin reported that we'd made around £499 from the night, though the exact figure is to be confirmed.

Don suggested that we need to get more tickets sold for the next event (which Will has agreed to organise). Friends of Sandall Beat had 25 this time but only 2 people came.

d. Funding

A donation of £20 was made to Sandra by an ex colleague who appreciated the work that had been done in the park.

e. Treasurers Report

Neil G presented his report and stated that money was now coming in from the grant which put our finances into a healthier state.

**4. Any Other Business**

- a. Mick Wainwright said he had arranged for 2 trophies for next year, they would be available around February.
- b. Don said that a date had been set for 29<sup>th</sup> January for a quiz night at Club 39.
- c. Lisa N said that John the gardener had been advised about the fishing wire incident and to keep any eye out for repeats of the same.
- d. Lisa N stated that there have been complaints of a flasher at Lakeside, and as their incidents appeared to mirror our own, to be aware of it.
- e. Lisa N informed the group that a team would be in the park for two days next week doing reparation work and assisting the gardener.
- f. Sandra asked for the grounds team to be reminded about the lowering of the Beech hedge in the main car park, and the transplanting of the new saplings from the café car park to a different location
- g. Report received via txt that FOSP have been awarded a Gold Certificate in the Community Group Award, and second place.

**5. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December (instead of November meeting)

Christmas meeting to be Wed 16<sup>th</sup> December at the Wheatley Hotel.