

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 15th July 2009
(Sandalwood Centre)

Apologies: E & D Hughes; M Hood; B Darrand; S Coddington; J Hall; B Boughen; R Dove.

Present: R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, W & N Gethin, C & C Burton, N Marshall, L Nokes, M Smith, D Bewell, D & M Ward

1. Minutes of previous meeting

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2. Matters arising

1. Neil M stated that the Playbuilder consultation had been a success with 121 forms completed. 30 options were offered and a choice will be made from the top 6 or 7. The overriding choice for the location had been the Dell. Don expressed concerns about The Crime & Disorder Act and the responsibility of Local Authority to consider Crime Reduction when planning new initiatives. He questioned whether this would be taken into consideration and Neil said that the group would be further consulted before definite plans are made.
2. Sandra thanked Debbie for acquiring 30 bags from the Resource Recovery department. These had now been printed by Derrick, thanks were offered for this work.
3. The research for heritage of the area and Sandall Park is to be undertaken by Mick and Debbie Ward – not an easy task - they were thanked for taking it on.
4. Sandra had again been in touch with Warburtons regarding sponsorship of T shirts or jackets. They were still looking into it.

3. Business Plan

3(i). Crime

- a. There had been three picnic benches damaged by persons scratching their names into the metal. These have been crimed and the names circulated to the SNT and on the web site. Each time this happens it means a re-spray to stop it becoming endemic. A couple of damages have been unofficially detected and offenders advised. Dog excretia had been smeared onto the sit-up benches and cleared up by Carol & Graham.
- b. Two cars had been seen to drive onto the golf course to enable a group of around 30 people to have a barbeque. No objections to BBQ's, but taking vehicles on is inappropriate, although no damage was caused and they cleared up after themselves. Problem rectified by padlocking the barrier gate.

3(ii) Park Development

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

- a** Golf Course Grant
Everything is ahead of schedule: the conifer line has been cleared; the picnic benches; dog bins; litter bins and footpaths have been installed and we are just waiting on the new entrances being created. The workforce are currently busy with grass cutting programmes so this will be completed as soon as they are able. Sandra is in the process of submitting a sustainability grant for the project which hopefully will include: a gazebo with logos on; corporate t shirts; new fitness trail leaflets; chocolate with logos on the wrappers for the health walks and other events; and two concerts on the golf course with Doncaster Concert Band. Carol suggested having the registered charity number under the logo on the t shirts – Sandra will look into that. L Nokes reported that funding may be available for recycling projects.

- 3(iii)** Angling Club
Barrie had sent a message that several clean-up operations had been conducted in the lake but they were having trouble keeping on top of it. As soon as it was completed, the corner was as bad again. It was noted by two separate members of the group that an angler had been seen to urinate up against a tree on two separate occasions near the duck feeding area, regardless of who was in the area. SNT made aware.

- 3(iv)** Communications
The web site and notice board continue to be a source of information and new 'friends' contacting the group. Don and Derrick had been invited along to the Kingfisher School open day and had set up a FOSP stand there which generated much interest. Friends of Askern Lake continue to meet Don & Sandra for exchange of ideas.

- 3(v)** Funding/Events
- a.** Care to Run 2009
Further meetings are to take place with Aurora but everything is going according to schedule. Volunteer marshalls will be the key input for us; Ron and Jean will be manning the FOSP stand. We have acquired the free services of two Fake Faces – Pavarotti and Mr Bean who, as reported last month requested travel expenses. FOSP member Marianne Downing has very kindly donated this money so the group will not be out of pocket. Mrs Downing has been thanked for her thoughtfulness and generosity.
- b.** Race Night
4 Race Sponsors are still required. Ron & Jean said they would sponsor a race and Mairaid would make enquiries with her family. Friends of Sandall Beat have not responded as to whether they want to take up the offer of 25 tickets and keep the proceeds of those ticket sales.
- c.** Funding

- (i) Lottery this month is £32.60
 - (ii) There is a possibility of funding being received through a health initiative, as proposed by Neighbourhood Manager Rachael Blake. A suggestion has been put forward by FOSP for an ash path to go round the perimeter of the golf course to provide an exercise track accessible to wheelchair and pushchair users and the less able bodied. This would be called the Green Route and would be 1km in length. It would provide an ideal addition to the Fitness Station and provide the infrastructure for further pieces of equipment. Rachael Blake is progressing this scheme.
 - (iii) Carol had attended another meeting with Leslie Wilkinson of SYFAB and received guidance about funding applications.
- d. Treasurers Report
Updated accounts were presented.
The first of the grant claims (cyclamen bulbs £200) has been received from Community Spaces.

4. Any Other Business

- a. Ron advised the group that Doncaster Concert Band would perform an impromptu concert in the park in September if the group agreed, and have a collection to raise capital for their running costs. All agreed. Neil M suggested producing some A5 flyers which he would be able to distribute around the Neighbourhood Teams.
- b. Carolyne asked whether it would be feasible to put a charity box on the counter in the café?

ACTION: Sandra to ask Joy about a charity box

- c. Lisa said that the Youth Action Team, funded by VInspire were doing a Summer of Service, volunteering in the neighbourhood. They had chosen Sandall Park as their project and would like to do some work on the 27th, 28th and 29th July. A meeting has already been arranged with Don, Sandra and Lisa for tomorrow when options will be discussed. One possibility is to take some of the pensioners across to the park for a walk round – Sandra to liaise with Elaine as to the logistics of this.
- d. Neil M said that Ian Parker was looking to encourage children's rides in the park. The council also wouldn't be averse to anyone wishing to start up the putting green again. The options were there if any interested parties came forward.
- e. Neil G asked if there had been any progress with inviting the Mayor to a meeting. Sandra said that Mr Davies had expressed an interest in visiting the park for a tour, which was actually better than him coming to a meeting. This was to be arranged.
- f. Sandra advised the group that there will be 3 disabled parking bays marked out in the main car park in the near future. Neil M is arranging this.
- g. The Fitness trail markers have been repainted.
- h. Neil reported that thanks to Lisa's team No vandalism had occurred in the toilets and the leaking cistern had been repaired.
- i. It was hoped to be able to organise a Teddy Bear's picnic in August, any proceeds going to the Aurora Centre.

- j. Sandra read out an extensive list of positive things that had happened in the year to date.

9. **Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 19th August 2009