

**Friends of Sandall Park**  
**Minutes of Special General Meeting<sup>1</sup>**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2009**  
**(Sandallwood Centre)**

**Apologies:** E & D Hughes, N & W Gethin, B Darrand, B Boughen, S Coddington

**Present:** S & D Crabtree, R & J Ketley, M Hood, C & C Burton, N Marshall, D Ward, M Smith, L Nokes

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

**2. Matters arising**

1. Sandra had attended the accounting course and received the free software. A free raffle had been held and Sandra had won a lap top for the group. This is currently being used by Carol, and is available for any of the group to use.
2. The overhanging trees had been reported to the Community First control.
3. Sandra had been in touch with Warburtons about sponsorship of jackets and T shirts for the group. She is waiting to hear back from them.
4. Civic Trust – Mairaid said she just needed to know what trees we would like – suggested we request Limes and Blackthorn.

**3. Business Plan**

**3(i). Crime Reduction Plan**

- a. The new notice boards near to the play area had been damaged overnight and will require new Perspex sheets at a cost of £60. The crime has been reported to the police.
- b. The fenced off area of the bog garden was now being ‘breached’ by someone trying to burrow underneath. Concrete is to be dug into the ground when the grounds team have some spare concrete.

**3(ii) Designing Out Crime**

Golf Course

- a. The Stage 2 application has now been submitted and seems favourable though we won’t know for 12 weeks.
- b. The fence has been broken down along Thorne Road, and in another place has been cut. Debbie to report it as a crime. Temporary repairs have been made.

**3(iii) Park Development**

Toilets

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

- a. Nothing had been resolved at the budget meetings, it had been mentioned at each one. Moira said that several other meetings had been held, the latest with Mr Pat Higgs. Discussions are still taking place to resolve the issue.
- b. Don said the press release had gone in and the Doncaster Free Press were due to run a story the following week. This would be followed by contact with Trax FM. This is not an issue that we can fail on. On the first day of the holidays two families had been observed taking two young girls to the toilet in the bushes because the toilets were closed. Both girls were clearly distressed and crying. Another father kicked the door in frustration because he couldn't take his young son to the toilet.

**3(iv) Angling Club**

Nothing to report

**3(vi) Communications**

a. Web site

Don outlined the changes to the web site and all agreed it looked good. The overall cost was £200 for what was in effect a brand new web site but with extra facilities we didn't have before.

b. Notice Boards

The damaged ones will be repaired as soon as possible.

**3(vii) Funding/Events**

a. Quiz Night

Was very enjoyable and raised around £200. About 20 people who had ordered tickets failed to attend, but the evening was still a success.

Friends of Sandall Beat had requested Don do a quiz night for them. It takes 3 months of work to put a quiz together so Don didn't feel he could commit to this, but a compromise has been reached. They will be given 25 – 30 tickets for the next one and they can retain the profit from those sales.

b. Music in the Park 2009

Ron reported that he had made extensive enquiries regarding hire of equipment and had drawn blanks. Additionally, he was due for another operation soon and couldn't undertake any further work on it. He suggested we leave it for a possible date next year. Agreed.

d. Fakefest

The planning meeting went ahead and the festival is now just waiting for licensing approval. If that goes ahead, tickets will be printed next week and will go on sale in the park café and in the Frenchgate Centre in Doncaster. Don and Sandra will be taking a block of tickets to sell for those that wish them.

e. Care to Run 2009

Correspondence with Aurora organisers suggested a date of 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. Details to be confirmed.

f. Parks for People

Funding is again available for applications. Ron will undertake the necessary work putting a bid together if the council will support us

and back the bid. An email to be submitted to Neil M who will forward it to the relevant people.

g. Funding/Treasurers Report

(i) Neil G sent a report on the update of the financial state, we have £3110.64 currently in the bank, though there are some bills to come off that.

(ii) Lottery income was £34.88

h. Race Night

It was agreed that we should hold another race night, and perhaps offer the same opportunity to Friends of Sandall Beat, give them some tickets and they retain the profit from those tickets. Date to be fixed, towards the end of the year.

**4. Any Other Business**

- a. Carolyne said that the litter bins in the corner of the park were still missing the inner containers. Neil M said they were on order.
- b. Mairaid said she'd been on some horticultural courses which may be of use in the park.
- c. It was reported that DMBC had rejected plans for Plevays to lease the land behind the changing rooms.
- d. It was noted that the access gaps in the fence to the golf course should be left as they are until the direction of possible new paths had been decided.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009