

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

**Apologies:** D Hughes, S Coddington, J Hall, W Gethin, B Darrand. D Ward, L Nokes

**Present:** R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, N Gethin, M Hood, C & C Burton, B Boughen, N Marshall, M Hood, E Hughes, M Smith

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and agreed.

**2. Matters arising**

None.

**3. Business Plan**

**3(i). Crime**

a No further damage has been committed to date.

b Neil M said that Fixed Penalty Tickets had been issued for dog fouling.

**3(ii) Park Development**

a. Toilets

Discussions are still taking place. Mr Pat Higgs has requested a meeting with Don, Neil M is also to attend. Pat has asked Neil to look at income generated by the park to see if a possible budget for the toilets could be raised through these sources.

Neil M said that funding had been extended to have the toilets opened 7 days a week as from April 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of May.

The Soroptomists have sent an article to the press regarding the issue.

b. Golf Course

Sandra said the stage 2 application had been resubmitted with some amendments requested by the funders. A decision is still awaited.

Neil M said that he'd had some queries from Ann Simms about the project. Sandra pointed out that communications had taken place with DMBC at every stage of the application, but the queries were discussed and a meeting is to be arranged with Ann.

c. Parks for People

No reply had been received from the council re supporting us in an application for funding from this source. Neil M reported that he couldn't ascertain who would be able to lead on this from the council's aspect. He had heard that Bentley had been outlined as being an applicant. Moira asked who had made that decision but it was not known. Disappointment was expressed by the group that yet again an ideal opportunity for development of the park was going to be missed through lack of endorsement by DMBC leaders. The meeting was reminded that the previous round of applications overlooked our request in favour of Hexthorpe park and in fact they did not apply so no application from Doncaster was entered.

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

**ACTION:** Eva will make enquires with regards to the situation.

**3(iv) Angling Club**

A list of forthcoming angling events was provided for inclusion in notice board and on web site.

**3(vi) Communications**

a. Web Site

Has had more visitors (double the amount) in its first months than the previous version. Members were invited to post comments.

b. Notice Boards

Have been repaired and re-instated.

**3(vii) Funding/Events**

a. Fakefest

Tickets are to go on sale shortly. Don & Sandra will have some available if anyone wants them.

b. Care to Run

As the 6<sup>th</sup> September clashed with the Sheffield Run, it was proposed to hold our run on 13<sup>th</sup> September.

c. Race Night

It was agreed to hold a race night in October. Neil G to arrange.

d. Funding/Treasurers Report

Neil G gave a detailed update on the financial state for submission to the Charity commission. He was thanked for all his hard work, it had been complicated.

**4. Any Other Business**

- a. Chair reported that we had received a communication from DMBC asking if we are to enter Doncaster in Bloom this year. It was thrown open to the group for anyone to have a go at our submission.
- b. Carol reported on a recent course she had attended re funding sources and indicated she was in the process of searching for suitable funding to develop the park.
- c. Carolyne reported that one of the picnic benches in the play area was sinking badly. It was noted that this had already been looked at but due to the soggy ground the concrete raft had sunk and there wasn't anything that could be done. People still use it in that state to no detriment.

**9. Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April