

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 14th June 2017
Sandalwood Communal Hall

Present: S & D Crabtree, C Pugh, M Smith, K Ismay-Johnston, N Marshall, S Holland, W Barclay, B Senior, L Jones

Apologies: D Bewell, M Downing, S Stokes, C & C Burton, E Hughes R & J Ketley

Chair welcomed Monika and Arianne to the group

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- (i) Banking on Playbuilder – the work hasn't been completed yet.
- (ii) Shooting incidents – a complaint wasn't made about the police. Eva did email the police inspector but they basically said they didn't have the resources.
- (iii) Trees at disabled peg have been relocated.
- (iv) Assistance for football club – Neil M had enquired and it was ascertained that they had all the systems in place so no further assistance in that respect was required.

3(i) Crime

- a. The first graffiti in years appeared on the fitness equipment and Playbuilder Tower. 'Fang' has also been busy on the bus stops. The marks were removed straight away.
- b. The sign at the bog garden has been removed from its mooring though not damaged, it is to be concreted in again in a different place.
- c. A TKMax trolley was pulled out from the bog pond.

3(ii) Park Development

- a. Maintenance Plan
 - (i) The park has had a thorough clean up over the last month in readiness for the Green Flag judging – which went very well. The judges seemed impressed with the liaison and collaboration between the council and the FoSP.
- b. Projects
 - (i) Tesco Fund – The Inclusive Swing is still pending, we're not sure if it has been ordered yet.
 - (ii) The Woodland Adventure Play: the equipment has been ordered.

3(iii) Angling Club

- a. The lake edging has progressed but the funds have now run out.
- b. The Siltex hasn't been ordered yet. It was agreed that FoSP would pay for it.

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

3(iv) Football Club

- a. Lee said that they would be painting the cabin again.
Would there be any woodchip delivered, they were still waiting to do the area in front of the cabin Lee reported.
- c. Dean Wiffen's dept will pay half the cost towards Referees courses, Neil to contact Dean and ask them to arrange for the training and for it to be paid for.

3(v) Communications

- a. Don explained about the conference in Leeds that he and Sandra had attended: "The contribution of parks and green spaces to Health & Wellbeing in Yorkshire 2017. It was believed that FoSP were the only community group present and certainly had an input into proceedings.
- b. Trip Advisor is getting a lot of comments and Kristen responds to any adverse ones – such as there being no boats.

3(vi) Funding

- a. 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were: J Hemsall; C Darrand; M Frost
- b. Treasurer's Report
No change in the overall financial state.

3(vii) Events

- a. Party in the Park went well though the weather spoilt the afternoon. Jolene is organising another similar event for 6th August.
- b. Great Get Together & Eid in the park: arrangements are in hand for both. Les & Mairaid should be able to attend both, Wendy could perhaps attend the Eid, Monika can attend the Get Together
- c. Planting is under way for Doncaster in Bloom. Monika hopes to be able to help Wendy with the gardening.

4. Any Other Business

- a. Sandra – B & Q invitation to their Family Fun day on 18th July to do a stand. Les said he'd be able to do that.
- b. Hopscotch, could Neil provide slabs? Les said he'd donate them and dig the holes. Arianna contributed by telling how many slabs would be needed. She would like to 'open' the hopscotch when it goes in.
- c. Wendy asked if there was any news about the café. Negotiations still ongoing.
- d. Don reported that the Santa Dash arrangements hadn't been started yet but will be progressed shortly.
- e. Neil asked for any events up to September that would need their attendance – Party in the park 6th August was added to the list.
- f. Neil mentioned the wood for the benches that were going to be installed around the Adventure Play – Don to organise.
- g. Scott asked what was happening about the fallen tree. Neil to contact Frank Jeeves

Meeting concluded 8.01pm.

5. Date of next meeting 7pm Wednesday July