

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 19th July 2017
Sandalwood Communal Hall

Present: R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, C Pugh, K Ismay-Johnston, N Marshall (first part), W Barclay, B Senior, L Jones, J Aimson, M Hood

Apologies: S Stokes, Carolyne Burton, E Hughes, S Holland, M Smith

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Banking on Playbuilder – the work has been completed but only half way down the bank.

ACTION: Neil to enquire as to why the whole bank wasn't done.

(ii) Fallen Trees: an email was sent to Streetscene enquiring as to what was happening with the fallen tree. The quotes had been received but it hadn't been progressed. It was then suggested that it would be more expensive as the anglers had cut some branches off and a boat would be needed.

ACTION: Sandra to follow up

(iii) Great Get Together: Appeared to have gone well. Les and Monika attended but weren't required to help.

(iv) Eid in the Park, Wendy, Alex, Barbara and Les had attended and done a free bird seed stall. Another good event which could become an annual event, though the date would change each year.

3(i) Crime

a. None to report.

3(ii) Park Development

a. Maintenance Plan

(i) The problem of the amount of geese in the park was discussed at length. It was agreed that the council should be requested to have a look at the problem and ask if it can be rectified with a cull.

(ii) The Bog Pond lectern has been reinstated.

(iii) The path sweeper has been coming in regularly at weekends.

(iv) A new memorial bench has been installed by the council overlooking the lake.

(v) The hopscotch will be installed fully by the end of the week.

b. Projects

(i) Tesco Fund – The Inclusive Swing is still pending. An application was submitted to Hallam FM Cash for Kids for the £890 shortfall in the grant – and was successful, we also received £100 though the Crowdfunding Page so FoSP won't have to put the extra amount in to the pot.

(ii) The Woodland Adventure Play: Sandra contacted the contractors and they expect the equipment to be dispatched on 18th September and installed week commencing 25th. This means that we won't be able to

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

have the Big Event Launch that we'd planned for the summer holidays. There wouldn't be any point in launching it on a Saturday as the funders wouldn't attend at weekends. Les suggested delaying installation until Spring. Sandra said that that wasn't an option – it's taken three and half years to get to this point, and the funding runs out in October anyway.

- (iii) Green Flag Award: Sandra & Don had been to Hull with other groups in Doncaster to be informed that the park had been successful in the Green Flag Award. The flag is to be raised on Friday morning at 11am, this has been announced also as a Meet & Greet for people to come and speak to FoSP members.
- (v) Work is being undertaken on the new Sensory Trail Boards. A photographer was due to meet us in the park to take some photos, but he never got back to us. Sandra will be researching the information.

3(iii) Angling Club

- a. Col continues to work on with his planting scheme.
- b. The Siltex hasn't been ordered yet. Col said he was looking at an alternative of lime instead of Siltex, because it was cheaper. It was pointed out that it had been agreed that FoSP would pay for it, that it had taken weeks and weeks of negotiations with the council about the use of the chemical and this process would have to be undertaken again if it was changed. It was felt the council wouldn't be too happy about that.
- c. Old fountain: people are noticing that it is still at the side of the lake.
ACTION: Angling Club to take fountain across to island

3(iv) Football Club

No report.

3(v) Communications

- a. Don reported that we'd received emails from Karen Latimer suggesting they would do concerts at a reduced fee, and even share the proceeds, though the band would want FoSP to book Gary the sound man.
- b. Trip Advisor – we have been awarded another certificate of Excellence for 2017. Decided we would order a flag to display in the park.
ACTION: Kristen to order a flag

3(vi) Funding

- a. 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were: C Darrand; S Stokes; S Crabtree
- b. Treasurer's Report
£500 donation received from Fake Festivals for this years event.

3(vii) Events

- a. 6th August: Fun Day in the Park being organised by Jolene.
- b. Doncaster in Bloom: Wendy & Col have everything in hand for when the judging begins.
- c. Lions Fun Day is 19th August, we won't be doing a tombola this year.

4. Any Other Business

- a. B & Q have offered us more seed, to be collected 2.30pm Tuesday. Crabtrees & Ketleys collecting.
- b. Don showed the group pictures of an adventure golf development that had made enquiries about one being erected in the park. Don & Sandra

had met with Destination Doncaster to discuss it, but felt that it wasn't appropriate for the park. All agreed that it wasn't.

- c. Jen Aimson produced stickers depicting the new PSPO legislation. There were none that ordered dogs to be on leads round the lake area.

ACTION: Enquiries to be made with DMBC about the lake area

- d. Jean thanked Col again for all his work on the lake and planting. Col said that it was been growing well and there were some more floating islands to go in.
- e. Wendy thought that the urinals might be leaking again. The floor is always wet and it smells more than usual. She will mention it to the staff when she sees them in the park.

Meeting concluded 8.15pm.

- 5. **Date of next meeting** 7pm Wednesday 16th August