

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 19th October 2016
Sandalwood Communal Hall

Present: N Gethin, S & D Crabtree, M Smith, L Jones, N Marshall, Carol Burton, E Hughes, C Hughes, K Ismay-Johnston, M Keegan

Apologies: D Bewell, R Ishrat, M Downing, S Stokes, C & C Burton, R & J Ketley, W Barclay, S Holland (at Doncaster in Bloom), B Senior

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

(i) Gabions (NM) – no update on the situation.

3 **Crime** None to report. There has been a lot of chalking on the footpaths about Veganism, Meat is Murder etc and although making the park look untidy and offending some parents of children, no offences have been committed. Don said looking at their website – the advice is to go all out without actually crossing the line of illegality.

3(ii) Park Development

a. Maintenance Plan

(i) Everything running smoothly. The toilets are being cleaned and checked on a daily basis.

b. Projects

(i) Tesco Fund - the fitness equipment was installed, needed work doing and one taken away for repair. Rosie Winterton and Ben Parkinson opened the facility on 14th October. It has been in constant use.

(ii) The Woodland Adventure Play - WREN will let us know by the end of October if we have been successful in our bid.

(iii) Defibrillator/Emergency Access: is still awaiting a decision from DMBC about where it can be sited. Don to follow it up with Pat Knight, cabinet Member for Public Health.

3(iii) Angling Club

a. The fountain needs £3500 for a new one and there is no DMBC money available Neil said. Other options to be looked at.

b. Scott asked about pongy corner and what was the situation. Sandra said that a quote was still being waited on by a man who does pond clearance. Col said that the information from Scott was that it needed boarding off and draining, in which case she said it wouldn't happen, it would be cost prohibitive. But it wasn't boarded off last time it was drained? Further enquiries to be made.

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

- c. Some more children's angling sessions are to be held, dates yet to be arranged.
- d. They will be arranging some matches to do some fundraising for such as the Fountain.
- e. Col asked what was the situation with the Greggs fund? Sandra said we'd find out if it was successful at the end of November.

3(iv) Football Club

- a. The FoSP sponsored shirts have arrived and Dave Garbutt was supposed to send us photos of the team wearing them. Mike said he'd asked him several times.
- b. Mike said that he, and his under 8's team would be leaving Sandall Park and seeking a pitch elsewhere. There had been disagreements within the football club and he felt he couldn't remain there. He had also been in the process of setting up an under 7's team but that will be put on hold until he finds alternative accommodation. The group were unanimous in their regret that he was leaving but wished him best wishes for the future.

3(v) Communications

- a. Rosie and Ben's opening of the Fitness equipment is on the web site, Facebook and Twitter. It has been circulated by DMBC Comms team and Rosie's office.
- b. Radio Sheffield will be coming out to do a live article about our bread campaign. Les said he could be there early in the morning to do it.
- c. Don said our Trip Advisor rating had dropped as the last comment gave us 3 stars, and it's based on the most recent comments.

3(vi) Funding

- a (i) 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were P Derx; N Gethin; M Oxley.
- (ii) Insurance has been renewed.
- b. Treasurer's Report
- (i) The treasurer's report stated that the balance is still healthy though there is a lot that will be going out - funds for the two major projects.

3(vii) Events

- a. Santa Dash: St Leger Rotary are working really hard at making it a success. Volunteers still required from FoSP and Rotary Club wmembers will shadow them.
- b. Christmas meeting. Sandra passed a list round for what people will be bringing on 14th December.

3. Any Other Business

- a. Mike asked what was happening about the nursery, but no-one was able to provide an update.
- b. Moira asked if the fence where they'd accessed the park to do the lake edging could be looked at. It was all loose and people are using it as an exit. No-one had been aware of this. Eva will look into this.
- c. Don mentioned that the toilets will be closing on 30th October.
- d. Mairaid asked if we'd been in touch with the Civic Trust regarding trees and Sandra said that she had. She'll be meeting with John Holmes for a tour of the park to see what trees we could have and where they would go.

- e. Les said he'd do some work on the willow tunnel.
- g. Eva asked if Don needed names for volunteers: Carol & Carlyne said they'd be there, as did Eva.

Meeting concluded 7.51pm.

5. **Date of next meeting:** 7pm Wednesday 7th December