

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 16th August 2017
Sandalwood Communal Hall

Present: R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, C Pugh, K Ismay-Johnston, W Barclay, L Jones, M Smith, E Hughes, S Holland, F Woolley, C Burton

Apologies: S Stokes, Carolyne Burton, B Senior, L Jones, N Marshall

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 (not present to report).
- (ii) Fallen Trees: Still awaiting a conclusion, though contractors have been contacted.
ACTION: Sandra to follow up
- (iii) Goose Problem – Sandra has been liaising with the council about this. Scott said they'd recorded 214 geese flying in on one morning.
- (iv) Hopscotch – has been installed and is being used.
- (v) Green Flag/Meet and Greet, took place and a display was put on, several people visited and perused it, council officials were in attendance along with numerous FoSP'ers. A proud moment in displaying the flag – raised by Ron & Jean.
- (vi) The fountain has been taken across to the island.
- (vii) More seed was collected from B & Q, thanks to Ron & Jean for their help
- (viii) Doncaster in Bloom – Anita came out and seemed happy with our entries. Col had prepared a presentation as had Wendy – both were thanked for their efforts.
- (ix) Locking park gates at night - Don to speak to Drew

3(i) Crime

- a. The café had been burgled via breaking through the wall.
- b. Anti-social behaviour on a regular basis by gangs of youths, throwing the toilet wet floor signs in to the lake, swearing at park users among other things. The police had been called out 4 times for youths 14 – 16 years of age.

3(ii) Park Development

- a. Maintenance Plan
 - (i) The willow tree needs trimming, it's low over the path, as does the willow tree on the picnic area. Sandra to request they be trimmed.
- b. Management Plan

It has been decided that the Park Management Plan should be a part of the agenda and the Maintenance Plan following that.

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

- (i) There have been problems with the state of the lake – it is polluted and fish and ducks are dying. Tests are to be made.
- (ii) The footpaths – a complaint has been made to DMBC of a child falling off his scooter. Some areas of footpaths are in a terrible state.
- (iii) The Management Plan is to be revisited and work with Ben to get these facts included.
- (iv) The road sweeper has been attending on a regular basis at weekends.
- c. Projects
- (i) Tesco Fund – The Inclusive Swing has been installed and has proved an instant hit with the children.
- (ii) The Woodland Adventure Play: Due to be installed end of September.
- (iii) Sandra still liaising with Ben and Michaela for the planting of Wildflower Meadows.

3(iii) Angling Club

- a. Col continues to work on with his planting scheme and has
 - i. produced a detailed plan for the new bog garden on the boat house. It will cost in the region of £450 and FoSP agreed to fund it;
 - ii. planted a nursery of reeds in cages to be planted out when they've grown.
- b. The Siltex is now on hold due to the bad state of the water quality in the lake.
- c. The dumping of bread is still happening.

3(iv) Football Club

No report, though its noted that there have been chippings delivered by DMBC for the frontage of the cabins.

3(v) Communications

- a. Welcome to Yorkshire have contacted us and asked if we wished to join the Group to benefit from their worldwide advertising and influence. Sandra is to meet with their rep at the Scarecrow Festival to discuss the options and give Sarina a tour of the park
- b. Revamp of the Santa Dash website has been arranged by Don, moving to an e-commerce platform for ease of use and will allow purchases to be made on-line. It will be done free of charge.

3(vi) Funding

- a. 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were: D Crabtree; S Stokes; V Haig.
- b. Treasurer's Report
The accounts are looking healthy though there are still amounts to pay out for the nest swing and Woodland Adventure Play.

3(vii) Events

- a. Scarecrow Festival: plan for the day distributed – volunteers to be there for 8am Tuesday 22nd August if possible. Event to start at 10am until 2pm.
- b. Lions Fun Day is 19th August, no FoSP involvement required.
- c. Tuby's fair will be in the park August Bank Holiday weekend.

4. Any Other Business

- a. Frank enquired as to why the trees had been taken down next to the electric box at Wheatley Hotel end of the park. Sandra said that the plan had been to remove all the trees at that end of the park as they'd become too big and unmanageable.
- b. Scott said that they had started locking the café car park gate to stop the anti-social behaviour, but Joy at the café complained that the gates were shut in a morning when she arrived.
ACTION: Don to speak to Drew
- c. Eva complained about the parking by parkrunners on Saturday mornings, blocking the exits and pedestrian walkway. Don said that was a matter for the parkrun directors, they could use their own marshals prior to the run.
- d. Jean asked what was happening with the nursery. It was noted that it has been reported in the local press that it is up for sale.
- e. Mairaid said that she'd been to the Carfest and had acquired some ducks for our next Hook a Duck event.
- f. Eva said that it was lovely to see Don at the meeting after his recent Stroke, reiterated by the whole group.
- g. Discussion took place about the café development and what was happening with it.

Meeting concluded 8.0 5pm.

5. **Date of next meeting** 7pm Wednesday 20th September