

**Friends of Sandall Park**  
**Minutes of Special General Meeting<sup>1</sup>**  
**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2018**  
**Sandalwood Communal Hall**

**Present:** R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, C Pugh, N Marshall, W Barclay, F Woolley, M Hood, S Holland, S Cummins, M Smith, S Holland, Cllr P Wray

**Apologies:** S Stokes, C & C Burton, L Jones, E Hughes, B Senior, C Stoddart, K Ismay-Johnston (lots of illness amongst the group this time).

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

- (i) Santa Dash – Don thanked all the volunteers for what everyone had said was the best event yet. FoSP did well out of entries and £363 was received from Rotary Club. Date for this year would be 9<sup>th</sup> December, hopefully with the same arrangements.
- (ii) The December draw of the 100 Club took place at the Christmas meeting and the winners were M Frost; M Hood and D Crabtree.
- (iii) Girl Guides volunteering – Wendy has been in touch with them and they are making arrangements to attend and help Wendy and Carin.

**3(i) Crime**

- a. Sandra said that she and Don had met with Pc Terry Davidson who was really keen to sort the problems out. He'd set out a plan of action which had already seen results with some known offenders already visited. Unfortunately this was short lived and he has been temporarily moved to another post that needed his attention. Inspector Lancaster has assured us that his replacement would be just as keen to assist. Neil confirmed that it was only temporary. Scott said that the police presence in the park had been noticeable.
- b. A liaison has been struck with Prosec Uk. Sandra had asked if they would pay attention to the park whilst passing on their patrols and they had agreed to do this without charge. Some signs had been donated, amended according to DMBC requirements and to be put on park fences.

**3(ii) Park Development**

- a. Management Plan
  - (i) Don and Sandra had met with Neil and Ben to develop this. The Green Flag Award is also due for renewal and was discussed.
- b. Projects
  - (i) The Woodland Adventure Play. A funding application will be going in for phase 2. Neil, Ben and Sandra had selected the winning tender using the scoring process. A picture of the proposed equipment was shown to the group.
  - (ii) Inclusive Play equipment: is to be the subject of a new DMBC initiative They have engaged with SpaceHive – a forum which provides webhosting

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

for funding applications. Sandra submitted an application for the Wheelchair roundabout, and is to attend a conference on it tomorrow.

### **3(iii) Angling Club**

- a. Funding from TransPenine Express: Scott hasn't heard anything, but will email to find out what is happening.
- b. Col outlined his ambitions for the coming year:
  1. Complete the work on the boat house banking
  2. Create more floating islands, planted
  3. Put fencing on the north bank – on the inside of the hedges and lower than the top line so as not to interfere with hedge cutting, and with a gap underneath to facilitate the movement of wildlife. He outlined the costs of the fencing – to be funded by FoSP.
  4. Work on the bog pond to be the final project.
- c. Scott said that they could start work with the Siltex this month at a cost of £130. FosP agreed to pay the cost.

### **3(iv) Football Club**

Scott says they will fold at end of season – the chair and secretary had resigned. Lee has resigned and there's only the Treasurer left. They will move to another club at the end of the season. Don to contact Lee for further information.

**ACTION: Don to contact Football Club**

### **3(v) Communications**

- a. DGSN meeting was 13<sup>th</sup> December with food provided, and was well attended. Youths/arson was the common denominator amongst groups. The next meeting will be at 5pm to see if it suits more people.
- b. Saica Natur is a recycling company just opening at Kirk Sandrall, Don & Sandra paid a visit.
- c. Facebook was blocked to some people who misused it.

### **3(vi) Funding**

- a. 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners for January – 3; B Gethin; 38; D Crabtree; 32; N Gethin.
- 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. Hook a duck: 29/3 – Jean and Ron can't attend. We need plenty of volunteers for this.
- b. Fake Festival – 5/5. 6 'top' Tribute bands this year.
- c. Party in the park 20/5: Organised by Jolene raising funds for Dementia Awareness.
- d. Princess and Superheroes 30/5: Organised by Brian, Rascals Bouncy Castles raising funds for FoSP.
- e. Fun Day 15/7: organised by Jolene raising funds for Yorkshire Lowland Rescue.
- f. Glo Festival – 21/7: organised by FMD Events from Leicester and will be on the old golf course.

- g. Family Fun Day – 26/7: Organised by Brian, Rascals Bouncy Castles raising funds for FoSP.
- h. Scarecrow Festival 21/8 – Wendy can't attend. Face Painter booked.

4. **Any Other Business**

- a. Wendy asked for any donations for tombola prizes.
- b. Don said that the store room at RSS had been tidied out and gear for each event put together. He'd also spoken to them about Egg Hunt.
- c. Col said that the Superbin lock was dodgy and the grass needs digging away to enable the door to be opened. It also needs new display boards.
- d. Scott asked if the football club were vacating, could they utilise the storage space?
- e. Wendy asked if we could arrange a volunteering day to give the toilets a spring clean. To be arranged.
- f. Jean asked if it would be possible to organise another Music in the Park: The German band are visiting again in June, and the Youth Jazz would also play. They have their own sound system.  
Sandra said that someone else would have to arrange for the gazebos and chairs etc, Don was unable to do this anymore, and the likelihood would be they'd be on holiday anyway.  
Ron to find out the dates.
- g. Neil said that the goose problem would be tackled in the nesting season March to June with eggs being pricked to prevent hatching.
- h. Neil pointed out that there were grants of £500 with a subject of preventing social isolation. Paul suggested Helping Hands at Intake could become involved with events, and perhaps organise a day out for the OAP's.

Meeting concluded 8.02pm.

5. **Date of next meeting**      7pm Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb