

Friends of Sandall Park
Minutes of Special General Meeting¹
Wednesday 20th June 2018
Sandalwood Communal Hall

Present: R & J Ketley, S & D Crabtree, C Pugh, N Marshall, Carol Burton, W Barclay, F Woolley, M Hood, C Stoddart, A Wright, K Ismay-Johnston, B Senior, M Smith

Apologies: S Stokes, C Burton, L Jones, E Hughes, P Wray

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

2. Matters arising from previous minutes

- (i) Risk assessment for lone working: Col has completed it for the angling club. He still has Les's copy, he hasn't seen him to hand it over.
- (ii) The Ploughed Field has been levelled, it will just need time now to recover.
- (iii) Padlock for barrier: Don said the combination lock still hadn't been replaced; the drop down barriers next to the depot had one lock missing and the other is still attached but it's been forced down into the recess, so both barriers are down and allow vehicular access into the park. The fair entrance was reported as dangerous – a new gate is to be put on but in the meantime it has been welded up. The padlock on that (taken from the tap on the toilet wall to replace it) has now also removed. Neil will take the matter up.
ACTION: NEIL TO PROGRESS THE LOCK SITUATION
- (iv) RSPCA Dog Show: had been a huge success. There had been an incident with an Asian man, mid 20's but this had not been reported until days after the event. Lone working was again discussed and Kristen suggested that personal attack alarms ought to be carried by the volunteers. All agreed.
ACTION: SANDRA TO LOOK INTO PERSONAL ALARMS
- (v) The volunteering day by DWP went very well and they got a lot of work done, though they balked at painting the gent's toilet due to the smell. The ladies got thoroughly cleaned and painted, benches and playground painted and all the benches scrubbed. They want to come back to do more work.
- (vi) The Party in the Park was amazingly successful and the park was packed to overflowing (Jolene's event).
- (vii) The Princess and Superheroes was also hugely successful. Brian was raising funds for FoSP, and although he paid a lot of entertainers for the children's entertainment, he will still be making a donation of £150 to FosP.
- (viii) Eva had mentioned the Leeds Building Society Funding, specifically for parkrunners to apply for. Mark at Donny parkrun is going to apply for it on our behalf with a view to developing the Memorial (Duck) garden by Wendy and Carin.

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

3(i) Crime

None to report.

3(ii) Park Development

a. Management Plan

(i) Fencing Gate – already discussed.

(ii) Footpath repair: An article in the Free Press alluded to the fact that £400,000 was to be spent on footpath repairs in the Borough's parks. Hexthorpe was to get £188,000 and Sandall Park £11,000 which Sandra had said was ludicrous knowing the state of our paths. An email was sent to DMBC and the response was basically that as we always report defects they get fixed straight away so we don't need as much expenditure. This was disputed. Paul Wray will make enquiries (not at meeting but discussed prior to meeting at his council surgery).

(iii) Café Development: Don said he still believed it wasn't going to go ahead. He'd spoken to the developers and had seen the email from planning. One issue was that Sandall Park was a SSI site – which it clearly isn't and is never likely to be. Also that the park was within 250 metres of a methane gas emission. How can that be? There's OAP bungalows and a KFC opposite. Don said it did not appear that Planning Department knew the full facts about anything to do with the park.

b. Projects

(i) WAP 2: planning permission was approved today and it can be announced Neil said.

ACTION: SANDRA TO ORGANISE PRESS RELEASE

(ii) Inclusive Play equipment: Target reached; Monies being collected, the tender has been scored and a decision will be announced soon.

(iii) Leon has started the tree carving of the fallen willow but has been restricted by a saw not quite up to the job. The children still love the half completed train though.

(iv) Proposed Project: Changing Places. The majority of people are in favour of the CP, Neil said it was down to funding. Maintenance of the facility would cost in the region of £15,000 a year. The group felt that this was a paltry sum compared to the need for such a facility.

ACTION: SANDRA TO PROGRESS CP NEGOTIATIONS

(v) Proposed Project: Creature Features children's seating: Decision awaited from Tesco, in the meantime Sandra is trying to get DMBC to supply some wood to Blok Heds so that Nick can practise. DMBC need specifics as to size etc.

(vi) Proposed project: LOTC. Sandra said that to acquire LOTC status, there would be a lot of work involved and she'd have to make sure the facilities we'd got were able to qualify for curriculum studies. It was a lot of work and it was decided to hold in abeyance at this stage. All agreed.

3(iii) Angling Club

a. Lake edging work has been completed as far as possible with most banks done, but due to ill health, the rest will probably be postponed until next year.

b. Bog garden 2 has had two thirds planted, but again, the rest will be completed next year.

3(iv) Football Club

Nothing new to report.

3(v) Communications

- a. Trip Advisor: We have been awarded another Certificate of Excellence for 2018. Well done everyone!
- b. GPDR: Santa Dash now secured. Sandra said that all that was kept on computer was FoSP members; Santa Dash entrants by Barbara and 100 club by Kristen. All have been advised they can opt out of emails and how their information is stored.

3(vi) Funding

- a(i) 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were M Oxley; E Hughes; M Barclay
- b. Treasurer's Report: Kristen reported a healthy bank balance.

3(vii) Events – all confirmed as previously

- a. Fun Day 15/7: organised by Jolene raising funds for Yorkshire Lowland Rescue.
- b. Glo Festival – 21/7: organised by FMD Events from Leicester and will be on the old golf course.
- c. Family Fun Day – 26/7: Organised by Brian, Rascals Bouncy Castles raising funds for FoSP: Now renamed Heroes and Villains. Sandra has suggested that FoSP sponsor a prize for best adult costume.
- d. Scarecrow Festival 21/8, will now include a Dog Show.
- e. Eid in the Park – Bank Holiday Monday alongside Roger Tuby Fairs and Rascals Bouncy Castles.

4. Any Other Business

- a. Archie wanted to point out that the rope on the Adventure Play area was damaged. Don said he'd check it after the meeting. Archie was thanked for his vigilance.
- b. Archie also wanted to know where the parkrun went, so he could plan for his dog exercise area.
- c. Sandra mentioned the Green Flag Award and did Wendy and Carin want to go? Arrangements to be made.
- d. Carin said the topiary need more stable poles to hold them up. Col said he'd try and sort something.
- e. Neil said that NCS volunteers were looking for volunteering opportunities for a four day project.
ACTION: SANDRA TO LIAISE WITH NEIL RE A PLAN
- f. CCTV – Don said he'd met with a team from DMBC but would follow it up. They had said it wouldn't cost FoSP anything.
- g. Wendy said she'd unearthed a large egg buried deep in the soil, but was unsure what it was – it had been broken in being dug up.
- h. The CCTV is still up in the memorial garden. It will only be checked if there are any incidents so FosP members need to keep the council informed.

5. Date of next meeting 7pm Wednesday 18^h July