

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

**Present:** R & J Ketley, C Pugh, D & S Crabtree, C Stoddart, A Wright, W Barclay, F Woolley, B Greenan,

**Apologies:** S Stokes, M Smith, S Holland, C & C Burton, L Jones, K Rawson, E Hughes, N Marshall, B Senior

**1. Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

**2. Matters arising from previous minutes**

- (i) DBS Checks – Sandra is to take this forward and asked for members involved in events to bring ID to next meeting.

**3(i) Crime**

- a. The antisocial behaviour within the compound of the nearly finished WAP2 has been occurring nightly. Members of the public have been phoning it in and messaging us. It's felt that the new lighting system isn't helping as it doesn't project light across the park. Another wildlife camera is to be put up to see if we can identify the culprits.
- b. Plants were being stolen on a regular basis from the memorial garden, until Carin spotted someone she thought was about to steal some and both she and Wendy confronted the man. There have been no thefts since.  
The Boat Garden was also attacked and a great number of plants stolen. The footage was requested from the CCTV but there were 'no results'.
- c. We have had reports of someone sleeping out in the rough copse on the golf course. The Streetscene Team have been requested to cut the area back to deter this behaviour.
- d. The football cabin was burgled and football kit and sweets stolen, entry via the window.

**3(ii) Park Development**

- a. Management Plan
- (i) Fencing Gate: The entry onto the park for the fair has now been sorted and there's a substantial gate been installed.
- (ii) The fencing damaged by the car is to be replaced and new fencing has been ordered.
- (iii) The missing fencing panels on Barnby Dun Road side are to be replaced.
- (iv) The Fitness Equipment is in for repair and will be reinstated when it can be scheduled in.
- (v) Several trees were blown down in the high winds and dealt with by the tree team.

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

- (vi) Café Development: Don gave a precis of the situation with the café for the benefit of the new members. Sandra said that the Mail on Sunday were running a campaign about the loss of parks and the involvement of Local Authorities. She had contacted them and expressed concern that whilst other councils were selling of park land, our council were putting obstacles in the way of an investor who wanted to put money into the park via a new café. The café is falling down and the proposal for a new one is something we desperately need to resolve the toilet situation (which is not sustainable) amongst other things. The MoS were keen to follow up. A request was made by the Chief Exec for this not to be progressed and Sandra agreed not to follow it up for the time being, to see if anything is taken forward.
- b. Projects
- (i) WAP 2: Woodland adventure phase 2 is yet to be completed (they had not taken enough equipment – a full pallet was missing) and the launch is due to take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11am: setting up from 9.30am if people can attend to help with the gazebo.
  - (ii) Changing Places Project: Nothing to report - awaiting results of cafe project development.
  - (iii) Creature Features Seating: Nothing heard back from TK Max re the funding application:
  - (iv) Memorial Garden - Parkrun funding: Cheque received from Leeds BS and plans are underway for the project.
  - (v) Tree carving is due to restart on the train but Leon hasn't been in touch yet.
  - (vi) Superkids Award: Archie showed the group his two awards: Most Enterprising Star and Extraordinary Inspirer. He was congratulated on his achievement.
  - (vii) Doncaster in Bloom: We received Gold Standard in the Community Group and Silver Gilt in the Sustainable Garden categories and won the Unusual Container category with a Gold.
  - (viii) 80<sup>th</sup> Project: Sandra said that we ought to do a Birthday Bash for 2019 as the park is 80yrs old. Based on old games etc.

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

- a. Col reported that the pegs were now complete, and all the platforms sorted.
- b. There had been a lake clear up after the high winds.
- c. Pongy Corner is still cordoned off to allow the reeds to grow, creating a 'living' fence.
- d. They will be opening the lake up again to Day Visitors.
- e. Col asked for a container key for Pete so he could access the boat.

### **3(iv) Communications**

- a. Nothing to report

### **3(v) Funding**

- a. 100 Club draw took place at the meeting and the winners were: 35 – M Frost; 56 – D Crabtree; 73 – D Crabtree.
- b. Treasurer's Report: Nothing to report.

### **3(vi) Events**

- a. Launch of WAP2: Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 11am; setting up at 11am.
- b. Launch of Junior Rangers; 4pm Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November; setting up from 3pm.
- c. Poppy Display: Wendy and Carin will be setting up their Poppy Boat display on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November. Kingfisher choir to consider for 11<sup>th</sup> November?
- d. Santa Dash, 9<sup>th</sup> December: arrangements are all in hand. Volunteers needed on the day .
- e. Christmas meeting: 12<sup>th</sup> December, usual format at Sandalwood Hall, everyone taking food.
- f. Birthday Bash was discussed for the park's 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019. Old fashioned games to be the theme. August 12<sup>th</sup> has been suggested for the date.

### **4. Any Other Business**

- a. Caribbean event: Sandra said they'd met with Loui (who runs the Caribbean event) prior to the FoSP meeting. They normally have the event at Parklands but are interested in doing it at Sandall Park. Further discussions to take place.
- b. Welcome to Yorkshire membership has been renewed..
- c. Sandra asked for new member details to add to the database.
- d. Calendar – sponsored by Rascals Bouncy Castles. We now have sufficient photos to put one together.
- e. Col: ropes and posts have been started around the boat, yet to be finalised.

Meeting closed 8.28pm

- 5. Date of next meeting      7pm Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December (no November meeting)**