

## Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 28 March 2023 at the Tite & Locke

### Present:

Andrew Brennand, Geoff Oliver, Hilary Short (Chair), Ian Procter, Jane Parker, Mick Short, Mike Stevens, Sue Nieduszynska, Sue Pope

### 1. Apologies

Dave Brookes, Tony Finn

### 2. Minutes from the last meeting

- These were agreed.

### 3. Matters Arising

- Shed roof – due to finish before Easter.
- Wall at the back of the orchard needs to be replaced – likely to cost £2000.

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Bank balance	21.02.23	96,080	
	28.03.23	74,028	
Restricted funds	Lancaster University	91	
	Triangle	830	921
General Funds		<hr/>	73,107
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			74,028

Significant income: Lancashire County Council Disability Champions for playground £1500, LEF tools grant £951, LEF part play area grant £23,067

Significant expenses: Playground payments £48,000 includes £7438 from general funds

### 5. Membership and Friends

- No new members reported this month. So, there are 405 members in total.
- No new Friends reported this month.

### 6. Playground

- Council has covered some additional costs and is doing all the work
- For 27 May:
  - Jon Hill did a trial run producing pizzas for locals and raised £200 (donation due soon)
  - Mike is organising the bar – beer is being provided for free
  - At the same time as Festa Italia, so some joint advertising/sign posting
  - Electricity is being provided by a local neighbour, Jean Stuart
  - Need to arrange portaloos
  - Music not yet arranged

- Raffle not yet arranged

## **7. Education**

- School visits are starting.

## **8. Events**

- Easter egg hunt on Monday 10 April 2-4pm
  - Katherine & Bethany will not be there on the day but have taken on the organisation in advance - Easter Egg hunt, Easter Bonnet competition, tea and cake, Fairfield musicians, not so many games.
  - Charge will be £2 per child.
  - Pavlos Pavli to set up and take down.
  - Clare and daughter will offer face painting.
  - Ian will provide a generator.
  - Dave and Ian will get the marquees from the triangle to the orchard by 12 noon.
  - Andrew to laminate and distribute posters.
  - Ian will organise first aiders.
  - Patricia Clarke is doing the tea stall.
  - Hilary has arranged the rota for the tea stall and people to distribute cards and prizes for the Easter Egg Hunt.
  - Dave and Sue N will manage taking card payments.

## **9. FOGG report**

- Leaning silver birch in the play area – is not safe and needs to be removed.
- Ian's deputy, Rebekah Mulligan, is an enthusiastic shadow with a view to taking over as volunteer coordinator in a year's time.
- Lancaster City Council volunteer tree warden scheme - using Fairfield hedges as part of their training in May/June.

## **10. FOTT report**

- Nothing to report

## **11. General Updates**

- Need more photos for the new website – particularly action shots and 'before and after'
- Geoff Oliver raised the issue of the FA's ongoing efforts to achieve Local Nature Reserve (LNR) status. There was a very useful discussion and agreement that we should approach the Lancaster Girls' Grammar School (LGGs) school governors.

## **12. Website and Facebook**

- New website is now online. There was general approval of the new format.

## **13. AOB**

## **14. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 18 April at the Tite & Locke.