

## Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 23 May 2023 at the Tite & Locke

**Present:** Andrew Brennand, Dave Brookes, Geoff Oliver, Hilary Short (Chair), Ian Diffenthal, Jane Parker, Mick Short, Sharon Diffenthal, Sue Nieduszynska, Sue Pope

### 1. Apologies

Ian Procter, Mike Stevens, Tony Finn

### 2. Minutes from the last meeting

- These were agreed.

### 3. Matters Arising

- Wall at the back of the Orchard needs to be replaced – likely to cost £2000 – ongoing negotiation
- Sue N was unable to send an email requesting photos for the calendar as the person who deals with the email list is not available at present
- No cycling signs have been received
- Letter sent to LGGs governors about LNR approx. six weeks ago – some delay, partly due to new headteacher – Geoff to pursue a meeting

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Bank balance	18.04.23	75,142	
	30.04.23	67,933	
Restricted funds	Lancaster University	91	
	Triangle	830	921
General Funds			67,012
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Significant income: Gift Aid £871, Well Being Fund (WBF) for costs associated with PA £100  
Payments: for shed roof £8682, bat boxes £227

### 5. Membership and Friends

- No new members, so there are 407 members in total.

### 6. Playground

- For 27 May:
  - 10am Saturday morning tent pitching
  - 11am PA arrives
  - Alcohol has been delivered
  - Portaloo arrives Thursday
  - Music is organised to start at 1pm until 6pm – five live bands, local DJ afterwards to 8pm
  - All money will be managed by Jon

- Bins will be provided for recycling pizza boxes and beer bottles
- First aider rota organised by Ian P
- Raffle tickets will continue to be sold after the event

#### **7. Education**

- At the beginning of May there were visits from two Dallas Rd reception classes in search of minibeasts and a teatime visit from Scotforth Rainbows

#### **8. Events**

- Big Green Week 10-18 June 2023 – Kathy Barton is keen to support Fairfield events related to food – Apple Day Saturday 23 September – Hilary to inform Kathy
- 23 July – North Lancashire Wildlife Group 1030-1600 will have several stalls by the stump circle in the orchard and provide guided walks into the reserve. FA will run a tea and cake stall. Chris Workman is organising.
- Lancaster University: Lancaster Global Summer School on 13 July or 24 August – approx. 80 students or 180 students respectively – Hilary to advise we do not have capacity this year

#### **9. FOGG report**

- Calum Booth (RSPB) will produce a management plan for countryside stewardship funding – initially apply for a small grant to buy out his time to prepare an application for a new agreement with Natural England to start in 2025
- Climate change implications for orchard trees - many orchard trees need a certain amount of cold weather each year
- By the entrance at Cromwell Road, the area that's been fenced off by the pond hasn't been grazed and is developing into wet woodland
- New gate into Pony Wood needs checking before the bill is paid
- Latch on the gate from canal into Pony Wood is very stiff

#### **10. FOTT report**

- Nothing to report

#### **11. General Updates**

- Lancaster Golf Club has asked if we'd like to pay them to advertise us – we won't do this

#### **12. Website and Facebook**

- Website is looking good. Thanks to Julia.

#### **13. AOB**

- The legs of the benches under the trees in the play area are starting to rot. We need to treat them and keep the area around free from grass
- Repair needed to bin in play area – Ian D is planning a repair
- Friends of the Storey Gardens are fundraising for recreating the Tasting Garden

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

The next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 13 June at the Tite & Locke.

The subsequent meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 25 July at the Tite & Locke.

AGM will be on Tuesday 17 October.