

## Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 13 June 2023 at the Tite & Locke

**Present:** Andrew Brennand, Dave Brookes, Hilary Short (Chair), Jane Parker, Mick Short, Mike Stevens, Sue Nieduszynska, Sue Pope

### 1. Apologies

Geoff Oliver, Ian Procter, 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 – new quote of £1970. The cost will be shared equally with the neighbour
- E-news should be available again soon
- Volunteer mailing list needs to be held by another person – Anne Greenwood – Sue N to arrange
- No cycling signs have been put up
- No update on LGGs re LNR – Hilary will pursue
- New gate into Pony Wood needs checking before the bill is paid – Hilary to pursue
- The legs of the benches under the trees in the play area are starting to rot – need to repair – Ian Diffenthal and Mick Short will have a look
- AGM will be on Tuesday 17 October, in the Social Room at the Meeting House (booked from 7pm)

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Bank balance	30.04.23	67,933	
	13.06.23	73,043	
Restricted funds	Lancaster University	72	
	Triangle	830	
	Play area	5032	
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General Funds			67,109
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Significant income: Pizza in the Park event £8617.82

Payments: donation to the council towards the upkeep of the play area (fence replacement) £3716

### 5. Membership and Friends

- One new member and three are no longer with us, so there are 405 members in total
- Invited feedback on charitable objects from members – for discussion at next meeting

## **6. Playground**

- Regular monthly inspections by a local engineer – Andrew to meet on 14 June
- 27 May was a huge success – sold out of pizza and beer (by 1630), raised £5K on the day – after expenses and matched funding, total was £8K. Raised awareness of Fairfield Association amongst the community. Lots of work from lots of volunteers. Worth considering for the future with perhaps some more activities for children. Huge thanks to all involved

## **7. Education**

- Natural England is coming to observe an education event – Tony to arrange

## **8. Events**

- 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 1100-1500 – Hilary will organise a rota, Sue N will ensure Andrew has the information about the event to share with potential bakers. Chris Workman is organising.
- 29 July – volunteers' picnic – Emma and Rebekah are organising
- 23 September – Apple Day – Veronica Dunn will organise tea stall, Closing Loops could do something on pickling and preserving as part of their Share the Harvest initiative. Must get this planned at the July meeting.

## **9. FOGG report**

- Major incident on Pony Wood path – children lit a fire and fire brigade was called.
- A new community police officer – Mark Wood – has asked that we display Police contact information in the notice boards. Hilary to check that the general notice on what to do in an emergency is consistent

## **10. FOTT report**

- Nothing to report

## **11. General Updates**

- Calendar is being prepared
- Newsletter - Katherine Woodfine will take this on and do both electronic and print versions – Andrew to contact members to help with newsletter distribution, in particular to assist with dividing up the leaflets and taking them to local deliverers

## **12. Website and Facebook**

- Nothing to report

## **13. AOB**

- No meeting in August.
- Property developers have written to trustees asking about purchasing the nature reserve.

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

The next meeting will take place at 7:30pm on Tuesday 25 July at the Tite & Locke.  
AGM will be on Tuesday 17 October at the Meeting House.