

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD, MEETING held on 1st February 2016

Present: Dave Brookes, Peter Callingham, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Gillian Allen, Martin Luke, Geoff Easton, Frances Tordoff, Uschi Maden-Weinberger.

1. Apologies: Sheila Bliss.

2. Minutes of last meeting: minutes of 11th January 2016 meeting were approved with the correction of the year being 2016 and to the spelling of Frances Tordoff, with no matters arising.

3. Recent developments: Mike has continued with **application of fungicide to the pergola rafters** as weather permits, after which a wood preservative will be applied. There are signs of rotting at the base of the timber uprights which will need attention in the coming months.

The planned **volunteer session** for 17th January was cancelled due to snowy weather.

4. Funding: Dave has been successful with the **Tesco 'Bags of Help'** funding bid for paths, raised beds, good quality soil, and fruit and vegetables to be planted. He explained that the amount of funding could be £12k, £10k or £8k depending on the outcome of public voting at the local Tesco store for the Triangle and two other projects, with voting to take place between 27th Feb and 6th March, with each project mounting a publicity campaign for its votes. Tesco will be sending more information shortly as to how to go about this. (Should we win the vote the surplus monies could perhaps go towards railings or works on the buttress shelf).

5. Outstanding issues: Dave will try to find a **contractor to complete the pointing** of the lowered towpath wall, starting with an approach to a contractor who rebuilt a wall for Sheila Bliss. He will also check with **Duncan and Liz** their availability for running a **BBQ for our Spring Fair** proposed for 21st May, and check on the requirement for a **no-dig barrier** where contamination had been found.

The issue of re-instating the **metal railings in gaps in the towpath wall**, requiring two more matching sets (or a matching set of four) has yet to be resolved and requires further researching and costing. (David Redmore has advised having railings on the edge of the end wall buttress for safety if steps are to be built up to it, however this matter was not resolved and will need to be re-visited).

The question of our **large pile of surplus stone** was raised: as to whether to keep it for possible future uses, to sell the bulk of it as one lot, or to let it go in smaller amounts in return for a donation to Triangle funds. Again the matter was not decided and will need to be reviewed again.

6. Gillian offered to find out if **Cumbria University drama department's theatre boat prop** was to be moved to its Carlisle base or whether it was surplus to requirement, although it seemed likely to be too large for a play feature on part of the Triangle and would need maintaining over time.

Next volunteer session to be held on Sunday 21st February 2-4 pm.

Next Triangle meeting to be held on **Monday 7th March 2016 at 7.30pm at 61 Regent Street** (Mike and Jane's). All welcome.