

## **Minutes of the meeting of the Fairfield Association held on April 30<sup>th</sup> 2008 at Thorneycroft, Fairfield Road.**

**Present:** Oliver Fulton, Ruth Haigh, David and Peg Herrod, Mary Ridley, Michael Sheppard, Hilary and Mick Short.

**Apologies:** Ann and Sid Duncan, Tony Finn, Simon Gershon, Jude Naish, Shirley Rawsthorne.

### **Matters Arising**

- i) Michael will contact Thomas Borland about installing the plaques.
- ii) Kwik Cricket has been abandoned for this year because of insurance issues. LGGS insurance only covers them and our insurance does not cover us for sporting activities. Jude will investigate the possibility and cost of extending our insurance for one-off-events in the hope that we may be able to hold a Kwik Cricket next year.
- iii) Our end of year returns to the Charity Commission have been updated.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

We have £9,947.63 in our account. Our accounts are currently being audited. Now that we have new trustees, Jude can complete the form to open our new bank account with the Coop Bank.

### **Membership Secretary Report**

We now have 115 members.

### **The Orchard**

1. A letter outlining the FA proposed changes to our constitution has been sent to Marion and Andrew. Marion and Andrew will be asked if they would like to be present at the meeting, to be arranged, with Graham Cox to discuss any problems relating to the lease. Hilary will contact Graham Cox to arrange a meeting.
2. Marion has contacted the Council for advice on how to deal with the problem of the camper. It was pointed out that a similar situation at Quarry Bank had been resolved by resort to Health and Safety issues.

### **FAUNA**

Lancaster City Council has been asked to waive the planning fee for our resubmitted plans but we have not heard back from them. Georgina has also not had any comments from Estates as to whether or not the revised plans fit their requirements. The final planning application, for "the paddock" is not finished but will be submitted as soon as it is.

Keith Jones has pointed out that the cattle in the meadow are trampling on the flowers at the edge of Lucy Brook. Graeme Skelcher estimated an optimal number of cattle that was much lower than the number currently grazing the land. This number will be part of the management agreement when FAUNA goes through. We have had an offer from Natural England to help with the details of the design when we get to that stage.

### **Fun Day**

1. It was agreed that Fun Day will remain a big event but that the organisation will be more devolved.

2. Mandy Bannon has agreed to take on a central organising role in the preparatory organisation. Jude will also help with the organisation and Ruth will ask Caroline Costello if she wants to become involved.
3. Ruth will ask Mandy to organise a meeting of people who might be willing to help.
4. Michael will ask Shirley and PJ if they will coordinate events on the day
5. A Newsletter will go out at the end of May asking for other volunteers, to take on specific areas of responsibility.
6. There will not be a programme.
7. Ian and Sharon will not be around to do the tea but we now have a gas burner which simplifies matters.
8. Ray's Marquees will supply the marquee and chairs. Hilary will approach Chris Coates about providing funding for this.
9. Kayes Nursery at Silverdale have offered to provide and run a cake stall. It was not clear how this would fit in with cakes provided by other locals but it was agreed that we should talk to them about it.

### **Play Area**

- i) The spring for the gate into the toddler area still needs to be repaired or replaced.
- ii) The Spring Chicken is now back in action thanks to Mick. Sid has a special tool for future repairs.
- iii) It was reported that Simon has agreed to replace the holly.

### **Communications**

The website is more or less up to date.

There has been a meeting with James and will be a meeting between James and Neil who will provide a new design between them. Oliver is looking to step down as editor as soon as a new person can be found. Oliver and David Herrod will have an informal chat about what is involved in the job and we will also ask for volunteers in the Newsletter. Once the website is redesigned the job of editor should be much reduced. However, there will be a gap over the summer, before the new website is operational.

### **AOB**

- ? It was agreed that the Newsletter should include a note about the death of Mrs. Kendrick. Part of the collection at the funeral will come to the FA.
- ? All the current officers of the FA agreed to stand again at the AGM.
- ? It was agreed to extend the minutes list to all those who have expressed interest in attending FA meetings.

### **Dates of Next Meetings**

- i) 7.30 pm, May 28<sup>th</sup> at Simon's House: 51, Ashfield Avenue
- ii) 7.30 pm June 18<sup>th</sup> Trust AGM followed by The Fairfield Association AGM, Friends Meeting House.
- iii) 7.30 pm, July 16<sup>th</sup> at Michael's house: Lyndene, Sunnyside Close