

## **Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at Thorneycroft, Fairfield Road.**

**Present:** Andrew Brennand, Gabbi Burley, Tony Finn, Melanie Forrest, Oliver Fulton, Simon Gershon, Ruth Haigh, Jude Naish, Shirley Rawsthorne, Mick Short, Hilary Short, Elaine Weedy.

**Apologies:** Henry Hicks, Michael Sheppard, Jean Stuart.

### **Matters Arising**

- i) Fun Day: 6 people have responded to Andrew's email and said that they are happy to help plan Fun Day. Elaine will follow up and arrange a meeting which will include Andrew.
- ii) Nathan has taken on the plaque installation project and will get back to the next meeting with his ideas.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Income:** £20 (memberships)

**Outgoings:** £100 (trees), £95 (Easter eggs), £19.67 (Apple Day), £17.50 (nesting boxes), £540 (tree surgery)

**Coop Bank balance:** £6599.54

**Nationwide:** £10,601.06 (unchanged).

### **Membership Report**

2 new families have joined.

### **Orchard Report**

- i) **The volunteers** have trimmed the hedge and planted 10 Kentish Cobs.
- ii) **Tree surgery** has been completed on the big sycamore and ash with minimum impact in terms of appearance.
- iii) **The insect hotels** need filling. It was suggested that this should be done at the Easter Egg Hunt and that an official opening might take place with a ribbon being cut.
- iv) There have been a number of comments about the fence screening the Martin's building. Since this is believed to be temporary, it was agreed not to comment on it.

### **FAUNA**

- i) **Bids:** We expect to hear the outcome of our LEF bid within a couple of weeks. The Lottery bid has been acknowledged. Lancashire Wildlife Trust have written us a supporting letter and would like a letter of support from us that would enable them, among other things, to have an officer at Heysham.
- ii) Ann Wood and Robin Loxam both have valuations for the Edenbreck cottage. Robin has said that he is happy for the 2 surveyors to meet and agree a valuation.

- iii) **The Fields beyond FAUNA** : A discussion was held about the prospects of expanding FAUNA beyond its proposed boundaries, and we resolved to talk to our neighbours about the matter.

### **Playground Report**

- i) Simon and Mick have trimmed the hedge opposite the end of Sibsey St.
- ii) Plaques – Nathan has taken over responsibility for the plaques which will be installed in stepping stone arrangement between the climbing frame and the benches in front of the toddler play area.
- iii) Adult gym – this has been referred back to the people who suggested it, for further ideas.

### **Events**

- i) Easter Egg Hunt

Dog poo posters will be put up prior to the event.

New dog control orders are in place covering dogs off the lead in public places and new signs are being created. It was agreed to ask the dog warden to be around in the days leading up to Easter Monday. Mick agreed to put up the posters that we already have. It was also agreed that the FA would patrol the area before the event.

The rota: Melanie, Shirley, Gabbi and Simon offered to help. Since Simon is the only First Aider on the list, it was agreed to ask Helen if she could be there for some of the time. Tony agreed to look for the risk assessment form.

It was agreed that the Insect Hotel will be opened at 2pm and Hilary will provide ribbon. A pile of suitable ‘filling’ will be provided so that children can poke it into place.

- ii) Blossom Day Picnic

This will start at 1pm, after the volunteer session. It was agreed to keep it simple. People will bring along food and drink to share and anybody who plays an instrument will be welcome. Tony agreed to do notices to go on the noticeboards.

- iii) Midsummer Event

The Stone the Crows Morris Men have still to reply about this date.

- iv) Apple Day

We need an organiser for Apple Day, since Simon is away. It was agreed that this should be decided at the orchard subgroup meeting. Simon asked if this meeting could be moved since he is unable to be make the Monday and Oliver agreed to look into it.

- v) Kwik Cricket Match

The pitch has been booked with LGGs for Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June, with a fallback to the following weekend in case of rain.

### **AOB**

- i) The FA will be a beneficiary of RLGS Day on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup> September. It was agreed that we should have a stall there and Andrew agreed to go along. We will advertise the event on the noticeboards and website. The contact is Kirsten Jarman.

**Next Meetings:**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at Andrew Brennand's house: 49, Wingate Saul Road.

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at Helen and Henry's house: Edenbreck.

All meetings start at 7.30 pm.