

Minutes of the meeting of the Fairfield Association held on 19th October 2011 at 49, Wingate Saul Road.

Present: Andrew Brennand, Ruth Haigh, Jane Parker, Hilary Short, Philip Turner, Oliver Fulton, Dave Brookes, Tony Finn

Apologies: Mick Short, Mandy Bannon, Graham Brandwood

Minutes of the last meeting agreed as correct.

Matters Arising

Andrew confessed to not getting a newsletter printing quote, Oliver confessed to not updating the website. Ruth volunteered to get a printing quote from Castle Press, and Dave suggested contacting CVS.

Treasurer's Report

Co-op

Balance on October 19th £59,273.98

Nationwide

Balance on October 19th £2.43

Income includes:

Donations £60

Fields/FAUNA £785

Just Giving £46

Apple Day £330 (net)

Membership £70

Interest Rec'd £21

Gift Aid £8,885

Expenses include

Towneley Close Path £250

FAUNA £1,642

Just Giving £18

Membership Report: 9 renewals.

FOG Report

1. Urgent item for discussion was the new bridge. Some debate about whether we pay the invoice since there are outstanding questions about the waterproofing. The issue was discussed and we resolved to:
 - i. ask Hanafins the new contractor to investigate the presence of the waterproofing
 - ii. depending on the outcome of the investigations, ask Cameron to make good
 - iii. pay the invoice minus the cost of making good, which would be done after the Hanafins work
2. Fraser's White Cottage planning application has been refused despite a statement of support from the FA. He has been asked to keep height lower and cover extension with a stone facing. Fraser has communicated by email that he will be ready to talk about taps and sheds once the planning is finally accepted.
3. Concern was raised about whether the new path linking Towneley Close to the main path in the orchard has been compacted sufficiently - could they come and look at it and let us know whether they are happy before we pay the bill? Andrew tasked with chasing this up.

4. Mark Davies has agreed to place bin at Towneley entrance and collect from the bin at the far end of the orchard.
5. Ponds work underway, Richard Storton's (from RSPB) help seems to have reduced the time required.
6. Hanafins contract for main work agreed and signed.
7. Ragwort gone from Fraser's side and is slowly going from the other side.
8. Tree labels require apple tree expert to place correctly – this may now have to wait until fruit re-appears!
9. Ian Proctor taking over from Mick as volunteer leader, Tony taking over refreshments.
10. Under-18 orchard volunteers now completing a form with parental consent.

Playground Report

1. Sarah has agreed to be the new Playground Monitor, and Ian Mecklenberg has agreed to be the person who does the maintenance work. He will invoice us for his time.
2. The quote from Playdale for spare parts required for repairs (£198.23 total) was approved. Andrew will make the order and arrange for delivery to Ian Mecklenberg's house.
3. Maintenance work continues. The spinner was a priority since it could be lifted off and taken away! Ian has fixed this, repaired the gate to the toddler's area, sanded down the rough edges to the wooden benches and made a first pass on the graffiti. The bigger jobs will require the spare parts to complete.
4. Plaque installation was discussed. It will be factored into the ongoing maintenance work and we will aim to get it in by the Spring. Plaque not quite complete yet. This means the Awards for All letter can (and has been) signed off.

Events

Apple Day had been a great success, our thanks to Helen for coordinating. £330 net profit.

Future Events

Wine Tasting (Nov 18th), Carol Singing (just Xmas Eve), FAUNA Opening (date TBD and Wassailing (Jan 14th) all discussed and in-hand.

Items for website or Facebook

Healthy Walks (Andrew to post on Facebook)

AOB

No news on bid from fields, expect to hear officially on 24th Oct.

Oliver, Hilary and Andrew to meet Eric Ollerenshaw MP on Friday 21st Oct

Williamson Park event - Mick will report next time.

Queens Fields - Jon B to pursue.

Date of next meetings:

Nov 16th - Friends Meeting House

Dec 14th - 49 Wingate Saul Rd

...both usual 7.30pm start.