

## **Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 19.30 on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at the Friends Meeting House**

### **Present:**

Hilary Short, Chair  
Mandy Bannon  
Andrew Brennand  
Ken Capewell  
Geoff Oliver  
Ian Procter  
David Dawson  
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

### **1. Welcome**

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Tony Finn, Mick Short and Jane Parker

### **3. Minutes from the last meeting**

Hilary advised that the minutes' distribution list would be reviewed, as several people who wanted them had not received them.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- Hilary advised that the footpath survey would go ahead; it had been decided not to challenge dog walkers and cyclists, but monitor use of the path at each end.
- A funding bid will be submitted for the new path. Geoff said that there is a possibility that Aldcliffe building developers may provide a gate at the canal end.
- The solicitor has resumes work on the contract for Flora field, which is now with the Land Registry. A independent solicitor has confirmed that everything looks in order. Storage of contract documents was discussed; it was decided to lodge them with JWK solicitors. Some thought is to be given to a complaint about the tardiness of Goad and Butcher, who were handling the conveyancing. HS
- Hilary awaits news from Dave Brookes about the Tesco bid.

### **5. Treasurers Report**

In Jane's absence, Hilary presented highlights:

Current balance is £52,608; Significant income from carol singing is £253, and from calendar sales £191. Significant expenditure on pesticide courses is £600 and insurance £1689.

### **6. Membership Report**

Andrew reported two new members and three Friends, and said that his mailshot had produced a few donations.

### **7. Additional items for discussion:**

**Easter Egg Hunt:** In Tony's absence, Hilary read a summary of the arrangements. Andrew agreed to contact cake bakers, and Ken volunteered to have the instructions photocopied. KC/AB

**AGM:** Hilary agreed to book the William Stout room for 1900 on 15<sup>th</sup> June for the AGM.

**Fun Day:** Andrew confirmed that he has booked the Melodrome, and is the process of arranging musicians to perform in it, and a licence from the council. The committee approved a Fun Run to be included in the event. Andrew said he would produce a publicity poster. AB

## **8. Education**

- Hilary advised that two classes from Dallas Rd. School have arranged a return visit on 4<sup>th</sup> April to look for signs of spring.
- Julia is conducting a survey of Harlequin ladybirds.

## **9. Other events**

Hilary advised that Mick was currently giving a presentation to the Civic Society, about FA.

## **10. FFOG**

- Hilary reported that FA's advisor, Clare Harrison had advised the FA on the nature reserve and in particular Flora Field and her comments have been recorded.
- No evidence of poaching had been found.
- Andrew agreed to put a post of Facebook to deter horse riders from using the Reserve pathways.
- Aldcliffe residents are holding a photography competition as part of their bid to become a parish 'Aldcliffe with Stodday'. Andrew said he would publicise it on Facebook and on noticeboards.

## **11. FOTT**

Nothing to report.

## **12. Playground**

- Andrew requested £461 for materials for playground repairs.
- Andrew volunteered to clean the glass in the noticeboard.

## **13. Correspondence**

- There had been a request from a member of the public to put lights in the Orchard; this was rejected on conservation grounds.
- It was agreed that FA would participate in the John Muir award scheme, at a cost of £72 per year.
- A complaint about the appearance of the shed, and surrounding land has been made by the resident of White Cottage.

## **14. Any Other Business**

- Andrew is to update Dave on the possibility that Fairfield Triangle may become liable for Council Tax when the workshop is occupied.
- A leaflet encouraging bequests which Hilary and Geoff have been working on is to be presented to trustees for ratification.

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

The next meeting will take place at 1930 on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at Friends Meeting House.

