

## **Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 19.30 on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Friends Meeting House**

### **Present:**

Hilary Short, Chair  
Mandy Bannon  
Ken Capewell  
Tony Finn  
Jane Parker  
Ian Procter  
Mick Short  
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

### **1. Welcome**

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Oliver Fulton, Sue Nieduszynska, Geoff Oliver, and Andrew Brennand.

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

The minutes were agreed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- Dave had secured an additional £2k from the Tesco bid, which will be put towards gravel, paths, and horticulture.
- Hilary has heard nothing from the solicitor about the conveyancing.
- The Easter egg hunt was a huge success, with over 100 people attending. Thanks recorded for the donation of knitted chicks. Shirley to send a card. SR
- The William Stout room is booked for the AGM in June.
- Mick has asked the Civic Society to do a presentation at the Storey institute in return for his own presentation to them about FA. Mick and Hilary have agreed to write an article for 'Contrebis'.
- The Jean Muir award scheme subscription has been paid.

### **5. Treasurers Report**

- Bank balance stands at £54,162.
- The net income from Easter egg hunt was £228.
- Expenditure on Fell ponies was £265.

Thanks recorded to Mandy and Carol from card sales, which raised £1700.

### **6. Membership Report**

In Andrew's absence, it was noted that there has been one new member.

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

Nothing to report.

## **8. Education**

- Tony advised that Dallas Rd. Year 3 pupils will return in May to inspect their planting.

## **9. Other events**

Hilary advised that efforts to secure funding for the Melodrome on Fun Day had been unsuccessful.

## **10. FFOG**

- Sue and Mick have given the Grange Natural History Society a tour of the Nature Reserve.
- Flora Field has been ploughed.
- Borders will be sown with a bird friendly seed mix.
- The brown calf dislocated his hip and had to be put to sleep.
- Ian is exploring a biofuel solution to the problem of ragwort disposal.

## **11. FOTT**

Nothing to report.

## **12. Playground**

- There were a few minor issues noted in the Council inspection report but nothing of any significance.

## **13. Correspondence**

- There were no objections to an anti-SATS protest using the Orchard for alternative educational activities.
- There was a discussion about the remaining north-facing fields belonging to Aldcliffe Hall Estates, and the concerns of the Aldcliffe Residents Association about future development.

## **14. Website and Facebook**

- Nothing to report.

## **15. Any Other Business**

The Fairfield Association, in conjunction with Beyond the Castle, has succeeded in getting funding from the People's Postcode Lottery for a project which will transform rank grassland into diversified meadow in the green space stretching from Lancaster Castle to the River Lune. There is funding for 4/5 schools to plant wildflower flags over 2 days (£500) and also funding for 2 days training in wildflower meadow management which could take place in our hay meadow (£500 per day).

## **16. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will take place at 1930 on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Friends Meeting House.

