

## **Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 19.30 on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at the Friends Meeting House**

### **Present:**

Hilary Short, Chair  
Mandy Bannon  
Dave Brookes  
Ken Capewell  
Geoff Oliver  
Jane Parker  
Mick Short  
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

### **1. Welcome**

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Tony Finn, Ian Procter, Sue Nieduszynska, and Andrew Brennand.

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

The minutes were agreed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- Ryelands School to visit the Reserve on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2016.

### **5. Treasurers Report**

- Bank balance stands at £54,477, almost doubled since last year.
- Expenditure on the playground was £630.

### **6. Membership Report**

In Andrew's absence, it was noted that there have been two new members and one new friend.

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

- Hilary reminded the meeting that the AGM will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016.
- Andrew will write to 50 subscribers about becoming a 'Friend'.
- There is vacant slot in the programme of music for Fun Day. Members to enquire about local bands; Hilary said there was a possibility of a magician to fill the slot.

### **8. Education**

Nothing to report.

### **9. Other events**

- Triangle Fun day will take place on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2016.

- We are still waiting to hear details of the time and place of the planned Fairfield Association Exhibition at Lancaster Museum.
- **10. FFOG**
- Community Support Officers have spoken to horse riders on the Pads path. There have been no further incidents reported.
- A programme of rush control has been drawn up, with spraying to follow in the autumn.
- The arable crop has now been sown.
- Ian advised that lapwing sightings should not be reported on the blog, private reports should be emailed to Sue. Mandy to mention to Julia. MB

#### **11. FOTT**

- £10k grant has been received from Tesco.
- A boat has been donated as play equipment.
- An application for funding to repair the bench at 'Railway Corner' has been submitted.

#### **12. Playground**

- Ken advised that swings have been repaired, bolts replaced and the rotting ramp has been replaced.
- A wood survey is required to determine whether there is any rotten timber in the play equipment.
- Damaged tree is showing some signs of life, but Ken cautioned that it may yet be lost. Dave reported that youths had encouraged their dogs to attack trees in the Triangle.

#### **13. Correspondence**

- Dave to attend the meeting of the 'beyond the Castle' project; there is a possibility that some of the £1k grant could be spent on education sessions relating to hay meadows.
- Jane reported that the Post Office will move to WH Smith. This will affect business banking customers. Advice to be sought from Post Office. JP

#### **14. Website and Facebook**

- Anyone with memories of past Fun Days are asked to contact Helen Hicks.
- Andrew to make a Facebook request for volunteers to remove nettles from the playground.

#### **15. Any Other Business**

Geoff advised that the bequest form has been cleared with the Trustees, and will be mentioned in the forthcoming newsletter.

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

The next meeting is the AGM, which will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 19.30 in the Wm. Stout Room, Friends Meeting House.

The next regular meeting will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at 19.30 in Friends Meeting House.

