

**PLEASE NOTE NEXT MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE AT WHITEGATES, SUNNYSIDE LANE**

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

**Present:**

Hilary Short, Chair  
Andrew Brennand  
Dave Brookes  
Geoff Oliver  
Ian Procter  
Jane Parker  
Mick Short  
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

**1. Welcome**

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Tony Finn, and Sue Nieduszynska.

**3. Minutes from the last meeting**

The minutes were agreed.

**4. Matters Arising**

- It was noted that riders had now stopped bringing horses through the reserve, thanks to the attention of the PCSO.

**5. Treasurers Report**

- Bank balance stands at £79,725, of which £37.5k is restricted funds.
- Fun Day raised £2.5k.

**6. Membership Report**

Andrew reported three new members and one Friend have signed up since June.

**7. Additional items for discussion:**

Nothing to report.

**8. Education**

From Tony's summary, it was reported that:

- Year3 classes from Dallas Rd have visited to admire the flowers that they planted in spring.
- Year 4 had undertaken some birdwatching and orienteering.
- Ryelands school are now regular visitors.

**9. Other events**

Andrew was congratulated on the success of Fun Day. It was agreed that a thank you letter should be sent to the organisers of the Fun Run. There was some discussion about setting the price of cake.

#### **10. FFOG**

Mick made the following points:

- A survey of wild flowers and breeding birds had been conducted; outcomes awaited.
- Orchids and other diverse flora had been found in the orchard.
- Wild flower growth in the barley field has been encouraging.
- Rushes are being cut in Big Meadow.
- One bag of Ragwort has been removed.

#### **11. FOTT**

- Dave made the following points:
- Insurance awaited for the boat – balance beam to be used to create a mast
- Tesco funding paid for a generator.
- Discussions underway with Frances about 'Light Up Lancaster'.

#### **12. Playground**

- Andrew advised that the council had highlighted removal of nettles as a priority. A new balance beam to be installed on 13<sup>th</sup> August.

#### **13. Correspondence**

- Hilary said that she had been in touch with Heather Dowler about the November exhibition. It was agreed that the back room in the Museum was not a good place to hold an exhibition. There was further discussion about possible venues; Dave agreed to let Hilary have a contact for the empty shops in St Nicholas Arcade. Hilary to contact Mr. Daines of the Canals and River Trust.
- FA meetings to continue at Quaker Meeting House until the end of the year, although September's will be at Whitegates.

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

Andrew agreed to post the FunDay fundraising total on Facebook as soon as he had the figures. **AB**

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

Nothing to report.

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

The next meeting is at 1930 on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2016 at Whitegates, Sunnyside Lane.