

## **Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at Friends Meeting House**

### **Present:**

Hilary Short (chair)  
Mandy Bannon  
Dave Brookes  
Ken Capewell  
Sue Nieduszynka  
Geoff Oliver  
Ian Procter  
Mick Short  
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

### **1. Welcome**

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Andrew Brennand, Tony Finn, and Jane Parker.

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

These were agreed.

### **4. Matters Arising**

- 40 recipes have been received for the Fairfield recipe book.
- Our query, about £100 towards playground repairs from the Council, has been forwarded to Will Griffiths (Public Realm)
- Hilary will fill out project-completed form for Lancaster Green Spaces.
- The cake stall at the Easter Egg hunt raised £179.
- Hilary agreed to send a card and flowers to Tony Finn.
- Outcome on the footpath bid expected from Lancashire Environment Fund in July.
- Hilary to meet the website administrator, Julia.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

- Bank account balance is £66,230.
- Significant income of £200 from additional educational visits.
- Significant expenditure on playground service and parts £901, Graeme Skelcher land monitoring £400, Dave Brookes Triangle invoice £389.

### **6. Membership Report**

There have been no new members since the last meeting.

### **7. Additional Items for Discussion**

- Mandy advised that the cost of the newsletter will be £170, with the inclusion of Blades Street and Dallas Road, to be delivered the first week in June.

- Publicity for the AGM in June to be included in a separate letter, and on the FA noticeboards. Invitations to take part in this year's haymaking to be included in the leaflet.
- Apple Day planned for last week in September.
- Kwil Cricket will not be played this year, due to organisers' absence.
- Elaine Weedy to organize the tea stall at the Open Garden event; volunteers required. The event will include a brief tour of that part of the reserve.
- The exhibition in St. Nic's arcade will take place between 28<sup>th</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May, and will be staffed at weekends.

## 8. Education

- There have been further visits from Dallas road school pupils. Ryelands and Willow Lane schools will visit in due course.
- There is a presentation about wildflower meadows in the Storey on 20<sup>th</sup> April.

## 9. FOTT

- With the near-completion of the groundwork, the Tesco award has been exhausted.
- The Triangle is not expected to participate in Light Up Lancaster this year.
- The Triangle plot has been sold for £75k; the land is leased to the council for a further 27 years and the rent has been paid in advance for the whole of the period.

## 11. FFOG

Nothing to report.

## 12. Playground

**The roundabout has** been stripped down and serviced and the safety surface round the roundabout has been filled. Ken is now able to undertake some repairs to the roundabout himself and is making notes and diagrams for the use of other volunteers.

The central pole in the net climber is loose and needs to be monitored. This also needs monitoring. All the tape on the net has been replaced.

There is leg movement in the tower slide.

The toddlers unit has a loose top step. It is safe to use but needs monitoring. The bow safety rail is loose and needs investigating.

The worn rope has been replaced on the multi-unit.

One of the trees may be dead and, if so, needs to be felled at some point. There has been a lot of tree-climbing activity and also some vandalism to the trees. It was decided to include some information in the next newsletter and the Facebook page. Ken agreed to take out the lower branches of one of the trees.

## 13. Correspondence

Hilary advised that she has received £20 from Charities Aid Foundation.

John Bercow has sent us an invitation to participate in Parliament week celebrations.

## 14. Website and Facebook

Events calendar, St. Nic's exhibition, and Triangle event to go on website.

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

Dave passed on a request from the Woodcraft Folk to hold a family day, with activities, in the Orchard. Hilary agreed, subject to completion of a booking form.

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

- The next meeting is at 19.30 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at The Friends' Meeting House.
- AGM 20th June at the Friends Meeting House.