

Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 17th October 2018 at the Friends' Meeting House
Present:

Hilary Short, Chair
Mandy Bannon
Sue Nieduszynska
Jane Parker
Mick Short
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Andrew Brennand, Ian Procter, Sue Pope, Geoff Oliver, Tony Finn.

Gareth Chalfont, from Dementia Awareness project, gave a presentation about the benefits of green spaces to people with early-stage dementia.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Sue Nieduszynska to be included in the attendees section.

3. Matters Arising

1. LNR status has been further delayed. Because the FA took back responsibility for the Orchard (from the Millennium Green and Community Orchard Trust in 2008), we need to sign a deed of adherence with Natural England who have taken over the responsibilities of the Millennium Green Project Team. The document we are negotiating require us to attain Village Green status for the Orchard within a given time period and Geoff Oliver is exploring whether or not this is within our gift and how long it is likely to take.
2. Pony Wood Path: Hilary reported that the contractor had met with a delay, but she continued to hope that work would start in November 2018. We are also still waiting for a Variation of Condition to our planning permission to be granted. This involves the number of noticeboards being reduced from 2 to 1, the removal of the green path and the location of a culvert. Hilary said that she had secured a grant of £7.5, which will be used for the information board and diorama.

4. Treasurer's Report

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September	55,788.48
Balance at 17.10.18	57,578.36
General funds	53,503
Restricted funds	4,075
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Total	57,578
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Significant income received from: RPA; Significant expenditure on Woodscape benches.

5. Membership Report

There were no new members.

6. Playground Report

The see-saw is currently broken; it has been taped off for safety. It was agreed that it should be repaired at a cost of around £439.

Hilary advised that she had received a request to install a football net at the bottom of the playground. There was a discussion about the best site for it and that the position should be decided by a group including Ken, Mick, Sarah and some of the children who play there. It was also agreed that local residents and the City Council be consulted in advance.

7. Education report

Nothing to report.

8. Additional items:

- a) The Highways Agency have agreed to inspect the Townley Close approach path to determine whether a handrail should be installed.
- b) Mandy is coordinating a newsletter to be published in early November.
- c) Steve Hoyland has indicated that this year will be his final year leading the carol singing and volunteers are being sought to replace him.

9. Events

Gladly Solemn Sound Concert – 18th October 2018

Walk and Talk – 15th November 2018

Green Fair – 24th November 2018

Swimathon – March 2019

Litfest – June 2019

Open Garden – July 2019

Hilary asked whether a volunteer could be found to host Wassailing in January 2019.

10. FOTT

Nothing to report.

11. FFOG

- The latest newborn calf was rejected by his mother and has been adopted into a local suckler herd.
- Sue reported that a member of the public had entered the field, despite warning notices. The grazier's disapproval was noted and there was a discussion about how best to deter people from trespassing in future. Mandy agreed to put a warning in the newsletter, along with the grazier's contact details.
- A 'Bird Walk' is planned for 26th January 2019.

- In cooperation with the FA, a resident in Aldcliffe Rd. has drained the water from his garden into the Fairfield ponds in Lower Sowerholme and also loaned us a digger and driver for the day to scrape out other parts of the reserve.

12. Website and Facebook

Nothing to report.

13. Any Other Business

Hilary reported, on behalf of Andrew, that a van had been abandoned in the parking spaces on Sibsey Street. It was agreed that a local effort, via the newsletter and social media, should be made to trace the owner before resorting to DVLA.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday, 21st November 2018 at 7.30, the Friends Meeting House.

