

MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD, meeting held on 4th July 2016

Present: Dave Brookes, Peter Callingham, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Frances Tordoff, Gillian Allen, Martin Luke, Gordon Walker.

1. Apologies: Phil Mitchell, Geoff Easton, Jim Combe, Nicola Combe.

2. Minutes of previous meeting: the minutes of 6th June 2016 meeting were approved and there were no matters arising other than discussed below.

3. Recent developments: Dave reported that the Triangle workshop building had been granted full discretionary rate relief with nothing to be paid.

4. Tree protection from dogs damaging the Triangle trees was further discussed and it was agreed to use chicken wire loosely round their bases as the least unsightly option. Dave has been in contact with the Council dog wardens about the suspected perpetrator and they are looking at delivering a letter to local residents.

5. Bags of Help: Dave reported on a discussion with David Redmore and Rick Caunce, a contractor from Garstang who would be willing to help with initial work on site including improving the new step down from the towpath, cutting of concrete and construction of raised beds, at a time to be agreed.

6. Purchase of a 3kw generator was discussed and agreed, to power drills, sanders, etc. at a cost of £252 including VAT with a two year guarantee.

7. Donated boat as play feature has been referred to the Fairfield Association's insurers with thoughts on how it would be set into the ground. Decision awaited from insurers as to whether they will provide cover.

8. Railings for gaps in towpath wall: Nicola has offered to source and cost these items on her return from holiday. (We have two sets of railings already which would need to be matched, or we might have to go for a set of four matching instead, in order to restore this feature of the Triangle).

9. Final pointing of lowered towpath wall: Dave has tried to contact two wallers for estimates but so far had no response. He will try again or look for others.

10. Events: Dave reported on further contact with others associated with the Dukes and the proposed 'Light up Lancaster' autumn event involving our part of the canal. However the current situation is unclear and will require more clarification as to our involvement if any.

11. Next volunteer session: to be held on **Sunday 10th July 2 – 4pm**, followed by the normal third Sunday session on **17th July 2 – 4pm**.

Date of next meeting: if required to be **Monday 1st August 2016 at 7.30pm**, venue to be confirmed.