

**Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at Edenbreck.**

**Present:** Andrew Brennand, Margaret Burtonwood, Oliver Fulton, Ruth Haigh, Helen and Henry Hicks, Shirley Rawsthorne , Mick and Hilary Short., Jean Stuart

**Apologies:** Tony Finn, Oliver Fulton, Michael Sheppard, Jude Naish, Shirley Rawsthorne.

**Matters Arising:**

- i) Under **Orchard Update**, it was agreed that there should be an amendment to the statement:

Any request should go to the next meeting of either the Fairfield Association or the Orchard subgroup, whichever is meeting soonest.

The agreed change is:

Any request should go to the next meeting of either the Fairfield Association or the Orchard subgroup, whichever is meeting soonest unless there is a Fairfield Association meeting within a week of the next Orchard subgroup meeting, in which case the Fairfield Association meeting will make the decision.

**Treasurer's Report:**

**Nationwide** : Present balance: Nationwide - £10,594.06; Coop- £9,972.21.

**Money received :**

Stolen money reimbursed - £1250

Go Wild Week - £81.26 (expenses still to be calculated

Fun Day stall rental £15

Mower sale £200

Donations £41.55

Membership £100

Total deposited: £1717.81

We also received £32.50 from Sue Holden and the baby-sitting which Andrew will pass on.

**Expenditure:** Music license - £21

Post Office costs £10.08

Room Hire for AGM - £15

Total withdrawn: £46.08

We also received £32.50 from Sue Holden and the baby-sitting which Andrew will pass on.

### **Membership report:**

**Ruth has sent out** 24 renewal letters and so far 11 people have renewed their membership. We have received 2 more standing order forms. It was proposed that the benefits of membership should be something we promoted at Fun Day.

### **Orchard update**

There were only four volunteers on Saturday but progress was made: the grey alder were taken out, more posts were put in and some mowing was done. The summer is always a difficult time in terms of getting volunteers and also a time of great growth. It was agreed that some arm-twisting may be needed.

There is money left, from the Breathing Places grant, for more first aid training at Beaumont College in the autumn. Andrew Brennand and Jean Stuart would like to be trained.

Go Wild Week has successfully taken place. There between around fifteen participants each night and - £81.26 was taken.

The old mower has been sold to the allotments for £200.

### **Playground Report:**

- i) Henry was unable to identify the cradle seat strap that needs replacing and, referred to in the Council's report. He will contact the Council to find out which one it is.
- ii) A new ball hinge has been purchased-and fitted on the roundabout.
- iii) The end links to flat seat chains, on the big swings, need replacing before next summer.
- iv) We need to put in place a greasing schedule for the Ability Whirl roundabout but it was agreed that this is a fair weather job.
- v) There is a problem with one corner of the small children's climbing frame, Henry has filed it down as a temporary measure.

### **FAUNA**

There is a meeting with Nick Gillibrand on June 18th at which he will present his ideas for the white cottage and Jon Barry will tell us what came out of his meeting with the Council.

We have already spoken to Robin Loxham, who does not have any issue with a Fauna plan that includes the cottage.

### **FUN DAY July 4<sup>th</sup>**

There was a lengthy discussion about stalls and marquees. The proposed plan is appended to the filed copy of the minutes. We are still short of cover for two stalls but these may be housed in the main marquee. Andrew agreed to walk round the field with Ruth in order to finalise the position of the stalls.

Fairfield Stores have agreed to provide lollipops and milk and Henry agreed to provide 1000 fliers for the event.

There was also some uncertainty about whether or not either Geoff or Bill would be able to provide music. Bill has agreed to provide a microphone and amplifier whether or not he can be there. It was pointed out that in the past we have succeeded in getting grants to pay for both the marquee and musicians. It was agreed that this should be taken into consideration when we apply for a grant next year.

We still do not have a volunteer to run the Human Fruit Machine. Our policy is that if there are no volunteers to man an event, it simply doesn't run. Mick agreed to ask the organiser of the Girl Guides who recently visited the Orchard if they would run it. Proceeds would be split between us and them.

There was a great deal of enthusiasm for a Tug-of-War since our insurance now seems to cover us for the event and also for the return of children's races at future Fun Days. Hilary agreed to make a final check on the insurance.

### **Kwik Cricket and the Teddy Bears' Picnic**

It was proposed that the Teddy Bears' picnic should be rested this year since Andrew is too busy to organise it and both the Kwik Cricket and Apple Day fall within September. The proposed date for the Kwik Cricket is 5<sup>th</sup> September. A relaxed event is envisaged, in which teams representing the Sunnyside and the Sibsey Street sides of Fairfield Green will compete. There will be refreshments and cakes on sale. Geoff Orr and Mick are organising the event.

On the subject of Apple Day, Helen announced that Suzy Jones will bring apples from the Storey Garden to make into apple juice. The proposed date for Apple Day is 26<sup>th</sup> September.

### **AOB**

- i) There was some discussion about what we should do about the dog bin. It was agreed that the bin was not beyond repair and that in any case the Council had no business removing our bin without first informing us. However, since the bin is already destroyed, we are not going to get it back. Compensation might be a donation to the

Fairfield Association or the provision of an additional bin at the far end of the Orchard. Hilary agreed to email Paul Cocker.

- ii) Since people seem to be unclear about the activities of the Fairfield Association, Jean Stuart suggested that we should produce a questionnaire to be handed out at Fun Day. This would provide information about our activities and also ask people which events they support and what they contribute.
- iii) It was agreed that Henry's plaques which were designed to remind people of the achievements of the Fairfield Association, should be installed as soon as possible. Hilary agreed to ask Michael to follow up his contact at Harbour and General. Ruth agreed to look up the phone number of the people who installed the plaques along the promenade at Heysham. If Michael was unable to come up with something within the next few days it was agreed that Andrew would get some quotations and we would pay somebody to install the plaques.
- iv) There has been no news from Sainsburys. If we don't hear in the next few days, Hilary will contact them.
- v) **Next Meetings**

**Orchard subgroup meetings:**

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June and July 6<sup>th</sup> at Whitegates, Sunnyside Close.

**Fairfield Association Meetings:**

July 9<sup>th</sup> (Thursday) Thorneycroft, Fairfield Road.

September 16<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday) Whitegates, Sunnyside Close.

All meetings begin at 7.30 pm