

Minutes of Fairfield Association Meeting held on at 19.30 on 17th February 2016 at the Friends Meeting House

Present:

Hilary Short, Chair
Dave Brookes
Ken Capewell
Sue Nieduszinka
Ian Procter
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

1. Welcome

Hilary welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Tony Finn, Andrew Brennand, Mandy Bannon and Mick Short

3. Minutes from the last meeting

Sue commented that the Association will be monitoring dogs, but not bikes, during the April 'awareness raising' session.

4. Matters Arising

- Ruth Davies is to consider Little Wood and the Orchard for a visit by her pupils.
- The solicitor has resumed contact. Hilary agreed to ask Andrew for a copy of the contract. Hilary will consult with Andrew on whether or not we should ask for copies of correspondence with the Land Registry **HS**
Hilary will ask Mandy Bannon to contact her solicitor friend. **HS**
- It was decided that Dallas Rd. School should be advised that it would be helpful to let us know if they are planning to bring parties of schoolchildren to visit the Orchard. This would avoid clashing with work parties.
Hilary to speak to Jane. **HS**
- Sue was thanked for organising the Volunteers' Buffet, which was a great success. It was agreed that in future we should ask for the food to be labelled.

5. Treasurers Report

Nothing to report. Shirley to check Jane's email address. **SR**

6. Membership Report

Nothing to report.

7. Additional items for discussion: Easter Egg Hunt

Hilary agreed to contact Tony about final preparations for the Easter Egg Hunt. **HS**

8. Education

See 'Matters Arising'.

9. Events

- Hilary advised that she has booked the portaloos and marquee for Fun Day, and has agreed that publicity for the event should be included in Green News. It was decided that the Melodrome will be hired at a discounted cost of £750
- She also said that she awaited a response from the museum about use of one of their rooms on weekend 12-13 November 2016.
- Dave advised that there will be a barbecue in the Triangle on 21st May.

10. FFOG

Sue reported that FFOG had carried out a general review. The reports will be made available on the website.

11. FOTT

Dave invited everyone to vote in the Tesco 'bags of help' funding application between 27th February and 10th March.

The 'Light Up Lancaster' project, may include lights along the canal between the Triangle and the footbridge that leads up to Haverbreaks.

12. Playground

Ken advised that he had inspected the playground, and found everything in order. He expressed concern that a builder's van had been parked at the bottom of the playing field, which presented a safety hazard to children. He agreed to photograph it, if he sees parked on the grass again. **KC**.
He reported some new growth on one of the damaged trees.

13. Correspondence

- Hilary said she has received an email from a student about how we make our decisions, as an ethical company. She will contact them and say we are happy to help if relevant. HS
- Ian had received an email from a company who wanted to send their employees to work at the Reserve as a team-building exercise. Unfortunately a number of organisations were contacted and we were not chosen.
- Hilary advised that the FA had received a complaint about dog poo via Facebook and advised the person who complained to contact the Council.
- Lucia Marquart had enlisted the help of FA with a Postcode Lottery bid to fund a meadow at Vicarage Fields.

14. Website and Facebook

Dave asked for the Tesco voting arrangements to be publicised on Facebook.

15. Any Other Business

Nothing to report.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 16th 2016 at the Friends Meeting House.