

Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 18TH July 2018 at Friends' Meeting House

Present:

Hilary Short, Chair
Mandy Bannon
Ken Caldwell
Tony Finn
Geoff Oliver
Ian Procter
Mick Short
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Jane Parker, Andrew Brennand, Dave Brookes and Sue Nieduszynska

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Accepted.

3. Matters Arising

1. Playground – Grant work has been carried out, and Hilary is waiting for the invoice. The council has attended to the nettles.
2. The metal detectorists' finds have generated interest amongst the community.
3. Ken has repaired the roundabout without the need for further parts.
4. There have been seven educational visits, with good feedback from school staff. Bowerham school play scheme intend to visit during the summer holidays.
5. Five thousand leaflets have been ordered.
6. Our response to a report of rats in the orchard has been accepted. We are sympathetic to the problem but unable to help in a situation where there is not evidence of rats nesting on our land.
7. It was unanimously agreed at the AGM that a cycle path across the reserve would not be welcome.
8. Funday made a profit of £938; not all the food was sold, hence there is a small amount still to come.
9. It has been decided to retain both Fairfield domain names.

4. Treasurer's Report

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Year-end	51,291.22
Balance at 18.7.18	52,006.00
General funds	47,054
Restricted funds	4,952
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Total	52,006.00
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Significant income received from: Cathedral PTA, a bequest, Fun Day profits and Summer Fair.
Significant expenditure on hay, garage doors, schools education bills.

The cost of room hire at the Meeting House will rise to £19 from 1st January 2019.

5. Membership Report

There are four new Friends and donations of £122 were received at Fun Day.

6. Playground Report

See Matters Arising.

7. Education report

See Matters Arising

8. Additional items:

Hilary reported that police had attended two disturbances caused by youths congregating in the Orchard. Community PC Cath Edwards has agreed to update other police staff to potential problems and the area will be included on their patrols.

Hilary reported grants and gifts: LU wind turbine £3400, a bequest from Lady Chesterman of £1,000 and two other small bequests.

9. Events

Green Fair – 24th November 2018.

10. FOTT

Nothing to report.

11. Dementia-Friendly status

Nothing to report. There will be another dementia-friends workshop in the autumn.

12. FFOG

- The oak on the border of the orchard will be crown-raised. The sycamore close to the stump circle will be inspected by an expert from Myerscough College.
- Hay cutting arrangements are underway.
- The barley crop will soon be harvested.
- A project to improve the water supply in West Field has been approved, and Ian will install a bilge pump in the near future.

13. LNR status

Hilary has to submit information about the original Orchard Trust before Natural England will grant LNR status. HS

14. Website and Facebook

Nothing to report.

15. Any Other Business

There was a discussion about disposal of the unused sweets that had been purchased for the Easter Egg Hunt. It was decided that they will be sold at the Green Fair.

The path will be laid in September; Hilary has applied for a grant from Garfield-Weston.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will take place at 7.30 on 19th September 2018, at Friends' Meeting House.

