

**Minutes of the Fairfield Association held on 21st November 2018 at the Friends' Meeting House**  
**Present:**

Hilary Short, Chair  
Dave Brookes  
Ken Capewell  
Tony Finn  
Sue Nieduszynska  
Geoff Oliver  
Ian Procter  
Mick Short  
Shirley Rawsthorne, Secretary  
John Weedy

**1. Apologies**

Apologies received from Jane Parker, Andrew Brennand, David Dawson, Mandy Bannon

**2. Minutes from the last meeting**

Matters Arising 2: £7.5 should be amended to £7,500.

**3. Matters Arising**

1. Nothing to report on the Towneley Close handrail.
2. The Newsletter went out as planned. Thanks to Mandy for not missing the deadline – yet again. Since Castle Press are ending their business, it was agreed that we would need to cast around for another printer. The Newsletter reported the issue of the abandoned van in the parking spaces on Sibsey Street. The van has now disappeared.
3. Calendars and cards are ready for the Green Fair. Sue suggested that in view of the issues around plastic, we might look for other forms of packaging for next year.
4. LNR status is currently stalled. The document we are negotiating with Natural England requires us to attain Village Green status for the Orchard within a given time period. It was suggested that we should ask Gina Dowding to follow this up on our behalf.

**4. Treasurer's Report**

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Finance Report 20/11/18

Co-op Bank Balance	20/11/18	62,647-36
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General Funds	50,031
Restricted Funds.	7,547
Total Funds.	57,578

Significant Expenditure

Playdale Playgrounds - agreed last month.	553.20
Bowland Tree Services - ash tree in Orchard	600.00
Padley -3 chainsaw refresher courses.	435.00
Property World- calendars & cards	701.00

Significant Income	
Sale of nose pump.	171.00
Garfield Weston grant re flora.	7,500.00
Sale of calendars & cards.	358.00

Significant income received from: RPA; Significant expenditure on Woodscape benches.

## **5. Membership Report**

One new member.

## **6. Playground Report**

All the issues on the Playground report have been addressed

We have a problem with graffiti in the play area. It was agreed to contact Cath Elliott and ask for the play area to be included in the Community Police patrol (Hilary). It was also agreed to contact Helen Ryan to ask for the name of the solvent that we have previously used to remove graffiti (Hilary) and to contact Playdale for advice (Andrew).

Hilary has spoken to Sarah about the siting of the football net but a meeting still needs to be arranged. Ken said that he was free most times but not Friday afternoons.

## **7. Education report**

There were two planned visits from Dallas Road School. Sue has been contacted by the Steiner school about possible visits to the Orchard.

28 people attended Paul Guppy's talk in the Storey Institute.

## **8 Pony Wood Path**

Hilary reported that the Frank Huddleston will begin work on the path before Christmas and that he plans to restore the public footpath and put in the path through Pony Wood first. This is because the price of stone is expected to rise in January. 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.

It was agreed that during the resurfacing of the long pads path which skirts West Field, the public should be redirected through West Field and that Geoff should contact LGGS to let them know and to suggest it would be best to avoid use of the path for cross country until after Christmas.

Following an inspection of the site by Sue and Ian N, it was agreed that the site was not suitable for a diorama and that the money would be better spent on other matters relating to the path.

## **9. forthcoming Events**

Green Fair – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Wassailing – may be able to host the event in January. Emma Rucastle and Mark Reynolds have said they would be willing to help. The event will take place on the closest Saturday to Old Years Night, if it goes ahead.

Swimathon – March 2019

Litfest – June 2019

Open Garden – July 2019

Triangle Summer Fair

## **10. FOTT**

2019 will see the 200 year anniversary of the Lancaster Canal and the Canal and River Trust would like to use the Triangle as part of their celebrations. Dave is meeting with Andrea Barrett of the Canal and River Trust on December 5<sup>th</sup>. Hilary asked if she could join the meeting in the hope of pushing forward the opening on to Lancaster Canal that will complete the Pony Wood path project. It was suggested that we could offer the opening of the footpath as part of the 200 year celebrations.

There will be no Fun Day this year, so the Triangle Summer Fair may take place on the first Saturday in July.

There have been a number of rough sleepers using the Triangle. The centre for the homeless in Edward Street has been asked not to send rough sleepers to the Triangle.

#### **11. FFOG**

Richard Storton, an early and very helpful and influential adviser, is now working for Natural England and has made a visit. He was very pleased with the progress of the reedbeds and made a number of useful suggestions which will go to the next FFOG meeting. Richard suggested that we apply for an extension to our agreement before it expires since it may be difficult to negotiate a new agreement post-Brexit.

The drainage into our fields from Sue's neighbours' garden has worked well.

Sue and Ian have considered the viewing point for the proposed diorama and do not believe it would work. It was agreed that this was an expensive project which should be abandoned.

#### **12. Website and Facebook**

Nothing to report.

#### **13. Any Other Business**

It was agreed that there will be no December meeting.

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7.30, the Friends Meeting House.



