

Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 16th November 2021 at Friends Meeting House, Lancaster.

Present:

Hilary Short (Chair), Andrew Brennand, Dave Brookes, Sue Nieduszynska, Jane Parker, Sue Pope, Ian Procter, Mick Short, Shirley Rawsthorne (Secretary)

1. Apologies

Geoff Oliver, Mandy Bannon.

2. Minutes from the last meeting

Nothing to report.

3. Matters Arising

Money from Restricted funds will be used to create a meadow board; Laua to design the graphics, Hilary to cost the board.

There will be an exhibition at the Storey in May 2022.

Hilary to purchase a dark green tent for events.

Chippings have been laid on the path to Towneley Close; there was a discussion about whether to use concrete as a long-term solution to erosion.

Ian to ask Peter Tilley to price it up.

Apple Day raised £628- thanks extended to Carole Martin and Emma Foster.

4. Treasurer's Report to 21st September 2021

Bank Balance 21.9.21 – 74,252.31

Bank Balance 16.11.21 - 71,660.25

Funds:

Restricted 4,517

General 67,143

Total 71,660

Significant Income:

Apple Day 628

Significant Expense:

Calendars, notelets	1303
Electric fence	688.75
Margins monitoring and repair	650
Wetland management	780

- There was a discussion about the audit trail for expenditure; invoices should be sent to Jane where possible and receipts must be provided to reclaim expenditures.
- A bill from Julia is due, in respect of her work on the website.

- Andrew to contact an insect artist about drawings for May's exhibition.
- Jane to check that rents are being paid.

5. Membership

402 members. Andrew to chase up contact details in the new year.

6. Item for discussion:

Carol singing on Christmas Eve – song sheets available from Mark Reynolds.

Wassailing 15th January 2022 - Hilary to contact Graham about a bonfire. It was decided not to enlist the Morris dancers.

7. Education

Nothing to report.

8. Events

Christmas pop-up shop on 4th December, selling calendars, cards and notelets.

9. Playground

A meeting of the 'Friends of the Playground' took place on 4th October; A WhatsApp group has now been created, and meetings will take place every two months. Quotes are awaited from three suppliers, and a grant application will be drawn up after the quotes have been scrutinized.

10. FFOG

- Work on ponds is almost complete.
- Two hundred saplings have been planted.
- Spiral plastic tree guards have been removed.
- Significant planting planned for December.
- West Field drainage problems have been reported.

11. FOTT

Knitted items placed around the Triangle will remain there until spring. There are loose copings on some walls; repairs are scheduled.

12. Website and Facebook

Andrew has uploaded some material.

13. Any Other Business

Nothing to report.

13. Date of next meeting

Next meeting: 18th January **by Zoom**.