

Minutes of the Fairfield Association meeting held on 16 June 2026 at the Tite & Locke

Present

Andrew Brennand (Chair), Chris Johnston, Dave Brookes, Hilary Short, Ian Procter, Jane Parker, Mark Tanner, Mick Short, Sharon Diffenthal, Sue Pope

1. Apologies

- Ian Diffenthal

2. Minutes from the last meeting

- These were agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- LGGS and Local Nature Reserve status in the hands of our solicitor – no update.

4. Treasurer's Report

Bank balance

Date	16/6/26	30/4/26
Coop	30,738	40,946
Skipton	120,000	120,000
Total	150,738	160,946

This includes the Burtonwood legacy of £54,760 received in 2023.

Funds

Restricted

Lottery funding £10,996 (Lucy Brook)

Total: £10,996

General

£ 139,742

Balance

£ 150,738

Significant Expenditure

Cycle Hub £8922 (£7388 from restricted funds)

Insurance premium £2064

Significant Income

Donations £462 (includes cake sake £192)

5. FFOG

- Lime tree in Pony Wood has a rotten stem and a large bough has broken off and is lying on the fence. Ian P will liaise with Wednesday volunteers
- Abandoned tent is near the Pony Wood notice board awaiting removal
- Gate to Cromwell Road should be kept open but the position of the hook on the wooden fence doesn't make that possible – Ian P to coordinate with volunteers
- Chris J reported seven species of Warblers and Reed Bunting on the reserve

6. Fairfield Respect Statement

- Thanks to all who provided very helpful feedback. The trustees will prepare a package of linked resources for release as we become a CIO.

7. Playground

- There was no discussion of playground matters and all items were deferred until July's meeting.

8. The Triangle

- Summer fair on Saturday 25 July has been proposed.

9. Website, Facebook, Instagram and Newsletter

- No report

10. Education

- Monday 15 June visit by Lancaster Cathedral Primary School was successful.

11. Fundraising update

- Footpath repairs – our bid to LEF was unsuccessful. We are extremely grateful to Sue Holden for all her work.

12. Events

- 30 years of the Fairfield Association – Adrienne and Andrew have scheduled about 10 interviews with volunteers
- Apple Day – we are still awaiting details. A volunteer to organise is not finalised so neither is a date.

13. AOB

- Royal Entomological Society's Insect Week 2026, Williamson Park and the Mini Zoo are hosting a series of public engagement activities celebrating insects, wildlife and conservation in June. To launch the week, and celebrate the re-opening of the Mini Zoo, there is a free Conservation & Wildlife Day at the Ashton Memorial on Sunday 21 June. They are inviting groups to host a stand within the Memorial to showcase their work. Too short notice so we can't do anything.

14. Date of next meeting

- The next meeting will take place at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 21 July 2026 at the Tite & Locke.