

FRIENDS OF LANGLEY MOOR  
MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING

NO.16

THURSDAY 7<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2013

1900 PARISH COUNCIL OFFICES LANGLEY MOOR

**ITEM 1.**

Apologies: B. Bone, D. Bone, R Richardson, S. Carmedy, J Van Hunen, A Van Hunen.

Present: Janet Pickett, (JP), Secretary & Acting Chair, Mark Richardson (MR), Treasurer, Cllr John Turnbull (JT), David Brown (DBr), Cllr Paul Taylor (PT), Cllr Thomas Akins (TA) and Cllr Sylvia Akins (SA). Pam Sinclair (PS) and Mick Brett, (MB).

**ITEM 2.**

Minutes of previous meeting:

1 correction, Financial update, balance should read £472.72p

Matters Arising:

JP awaiting reply from Parish re planting, PT stated that meeting yet to be held to discuss and should happen next week.

JP and MR attended AAP event, result was in favour of £5.000 to Holliday Park improvements.

PT & JT fed back from police commissioner meeting as none of FOLM could attend. Commissioner listened re car parking and has requested if anyone witnesses incidents relating to illegal/dangerous parking to try to take photographs and send them in to him with date, time and place.

JP thanked councillors as dog waste bin now replaced at edge of cricket field.

**ITEM 3** Financial update

Previous balance = £472.72

Current balance - £682.72

NB. Danny Bone is owed £150 pounds as he put in personal cheque to cover payment as cheque cleared before money available from Parish. MR will rectify.

**ITEM 4. .** Action plan

Local shops continue to receive and display notice of future meetings date/time.

Newsletter has been distributed to schools to put in children's bags.

Holliday park- PT informed the group of meeting re Park improvements and will forward minutes of said meeting as costs discussed. In brief – suggestions include outdoor adult gym equipment, seating and some improvements at the front of the park as a start. £19.000 neighbourhood budget, £5.000 'your money', available but more is needed. Over £140.000 available from 106 monies which PT stated was available for 3 Parishes – Brandon, Meadowfield and Langley Moor to bid for. JP questioned this as impression was that money was to be spent in Langley Moor alone as housing developments were all in Langley Moor. PT stressed the need for FOLM to play active role in park developments. JP asked that £5.000 from 'Your Money' be spent on something visible rather than into drainage costs but others argued that if drainage were not completed then other improvements could not go ahead. JP expressed concern that money may not be available for proposed high street improvements if fund open to other districts. PT could not give assurance that this would be available but urged group to obtain 3 quotes for improvements to land between fish shop and podiatry and have detailed plans available for when money is released. He agreed to put together a letter and submit to planning dept regarding our ideas for this land, planters and also land between charity shop and cafe on opposite side of the road.

High St. PT presented some pictures of clocks as ideas for waste land. JP advised that Rebecca Richardson had provided some pictures of ornamental seating etc, now with our chair D Bone. Other ideas included planting a time capsule and involving local school children and elderly residents, some form of art work to represent the railway and possibility of a remembrance garden for world war veterans/casualties.

Notice board will be erected as part of improvement and costed into any estimate. PT stressed the need to let him know when erected as needs to liaise with M Briscoe.

Paving repairs – All pleased that paving has been re laid outside of Tesco's and bollards erected to help prevent cars mounting pavement.

Next PACT meeting Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov, Sycamore Park Community Hall 1500 – 1600

Next AAP meeting Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, 1800 St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Meadowfield.

**Christmas tree** – date set for Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Dec. Meet 1630, switch on 1700.

D Bone emailed re update:

Thanks to PT & JT for reimbursement for tree.

Tree should be here by 20<sup>th</sup> Nov, volunteers needed for erection, PT & MR will assist.

Lights are with Direct Services for testing etc. before end of this month.

Co. Durham newsletter read incorrectly, it stated that children would be switching on lights. D Bone will email school heads to clarify that DBr will switch on not children.

D Bone requests that DBr contact both heads and discuss programme of events and times that children will be singing carols etc. Names given to DBr. JP to email D Bone to request he contact DBr to discuss further.

D Bone will get large posters into shops in time for event. He is also trying to get hold of PAT certified generator and has a possible lead for PA system. DBr thinks he may be able to source PA system and will liaise with D Bone via email.

D Bone will email PT to assist in producing risk assessment for event.

MR stated that has heard nothing further from 'Dusk til Dawn'. JP agreed to write letter to them clarifying that, as no attendance at meetings to discuss their plans to provide children's entertainment and rides, our risk assessment can only cover that which we have planned for and anything provided by them will be at their own risk and their responsibility to gain appropriate permission.

Someone from parish council will get high vis jackets to D Bone prior to event so members can act as marshals and minimise risk of people straying onto main road.

**ITEM 5.** Any other business

MB offered to donate land between charity shop and cafe to Parish as was not part of deal when converted flats were sold. PT & JT accepted. Discussion ensued re placing of bins on this land and MB informed that there is land on plans allocated for the storage of bins so they should not need to be blocking access. PT has checked and it is the responsibility of the landlord to ensure bins are stored correctly. MB will try to discuss with landlord.

MR complained re overgrown shrubs and apple trees on land under bridge, belonging to network rail. Residents have reports rats running about eating all apples. PT will feed back to appropriate dept.

**ITEM 6.**

Next meeting: 1900 Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec 2013 Parish Council Offices.