



Friends Meeting Minutes 16th June 2017, 9am

Present: Heidi Beattie, Chair (HB), Bianca Gaspar-Dunn (BGD), Claire Hammond (CH), Sarah Harrison, Secretary (SH), Helen McNeill, Treasurer (HMc), Georgina O'Connor (GO), Marie-Louise Thirlaway (MLT), Philippa Cook (PC), Georgina Bean (GB)

Last meetings minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report

£15,763 in current account

-£900 Grant money into and out

-£795 Solicitors fees for aborted project

-£2514 for ipads/nursery cooker

+£108 easy fundraising this is definitely worth doing as there is no cost to parents at all, it is the online store which pays a % of the cost of the item you are buying. PC to look into flyers to inform parents.

The Christmas card money should be in by the end of term.

£1,650 is due to come out of the account for painting the eaves.

Upcoming Events

- Ice cream Fridays are on-going and running successfully thank you to GB/Lisa Dickinson and Tanya Cunningham for running this.
- Sports Day –Friday 23rd June, bottles of water will be given out to parent for a donation to water aid.
 - Coffee flasks and disposable cups will be used. Crisps will be provided during the break and perhaps and juice. PC/HB/BGB
 - Tea Towels & Bags – will be available for purchase
- Open Gardens: Sunday 25th June. Letter of request for a donation from the open gardens committee will be formulated (HB).
We are required as part of this event to run the Tombola / School. We need more volunteers outside the village please. Also, a plea from Tanya Cunningham and HB for homegrown produce and tombola prizes.
There is also a tray bake competition, Helen Tessayman from Spellows is running.

We will hang the children's self-portraits on some brightly coloured cards in a gazebo near the tea towels (HMc to purchase small pegs).

The tea towels with self-portraits of the children will be on sale. There was an initial outlay of £450 for these so we need to ensure the profits come back to school. HB to discuss with Open Gardens committee.

PMN – Thanks to everyone’s help with prizes and on the day, we are very grateful and the stall did amazingly well.

- Mums night – Weds 28th June at The Punch Bowl –all welcome, Sue Timoney coordinating.
PMN: Thank you Sue a great evening, enjoyed by all.
- KS2 production tea and cakes – Tuesday 4th July afternoon and evening. HMc and GB/GO and BGD to coordinate. There will also be a raffle – any more donations gratefully received.
- BBQ and Bike ride: 8th July Hot dogs and ice creams. PC coordinating. Letter to go into bookbags at the end of the week to order food. To discuss with PE Claire Taylor to see if she is available to occupy children for an hour or so to ensure the parents can relax! May think about a higher priced raffle, as there are some big prizes.
 - The bike ride will be £15 minimum entry or sponsorship Dave Caygill to coordinate. (PMN)

Other items discussed

- **Organised Mums diaries** – there have been no volunteers to take over this fundraiser so HMc will order independently.
- **The trim trail** needs repairing and the children are unable to use it at present. It would cost around £1,000 to repair or around £10,000 to replace so there was discussion as to whether to link it in with the playground project.
- **Playground project** -GO has had the proposal through. It is a detailed design, development and feasibility study – please see Mrs Thirlaway if you would like to read it. There was discussion as to the best way forwards and to commit to the first 2 phases of the project. We need to ensure we will get the grants and will need to ascertain timescale.
Governors need to be involved as it is a larger project than originally anticipated with the probable inclusion of the trim trail being redeveloped. Georgina Bean and Alex Robinson will be included in the on-going communications from Groundworks. (HB/GO)
There could be specific fundraising events when we have the drawings to raise more funds. Or there could be sponsored events for the children as these raise a lot generally.

Date of next meeting: There have been requests for the meetings to be on different days and in the evenings to ensure more people can attend.

The September meeting will be in the evening with a welcome drink. Date TBC.