

FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH

COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY 20th SEPTEMBER 2022

Acknowledgements:

Thanks to Verity for accommodating the meeting

1. Apologies for absence:
Chris Parrack, Colin O'Flaherty, Paula
2. Welcome to new members:
Russell Gard, Stephen Fothergill, Liz and Colin O'Flaherty, Brian Blakeborough were welcomed to the committee with a brief history of last 12 months. Introduced the current committee.
3. Treasurer's Report
A new report wasn't available at the meeting due to Chris Parrack Apology.
4. Minutes from last meeting
Most of the items are back on this agenda. Brian advised the new members of the website to find previous minutes
5. Labour Club Defib – Chris has informed Verity that the defib has been done. A query was raised as to whether the check has been done. We can check with Chris monthly to ensure the checks are done. The defib at the pear tree was recently used which shows importance of this.
6. New defib
We discussed the management of a second defib. Questions were raised about the cost of management and maintenance. Jacqui raised the point that the BHF may help to part fund an install so it is worth looking into. Marilyn raised the concern that the fundraising has slowed. Before a vote is made, we need to find out facts about costs, installation, running costs, and fundraising efforts. Verity will find out these facts before next meeting. For funding, a separate account is a sensible idea. We will ask Chris P to set up another account for the long term management of funds for the management of the fund. The next fundraising effort is 13th October, 7.30 at the Gun Inn. Stephen has offered to attend to fundraise, noted that this is not a Friends of Hollingworth endeavour, however just helping out.
7. Community garden

Turnout was limited however everyone had fun. Herbs are growing well. Brian will attempt to acquire some plants for free to boost the plant population. Verity raised that feedback was brilliant and has had queries from community members about planting other plants, and harvesting. Verity raised the point of possibly working with Action Together to add more beds and trees next year.

A discussion about the flower bed at the cenotaph was raised, as is currently in disrepair. The point of a neglected garden looking bad is a bad look for FoH so the idea of cleaning up and planting a bee bomb was raised and agreed by the community. Stephen agreed to take that on.

The tubs around the cenotaph will need looking at before Remembrance Day – Marilyn will do that.

8. Play Park

Jacqui has spoken to Nicola at the council, who advised that she should have sent something through. Phil has not received anything so Jacqui will follow up again with Nicola when Nicola returns from a leave. Jacqui has confirmed that there is Japanese Knotweed in water lane park. Phil will do a facebook post about warning villagers of this.

9. Scarecrow comp

Sarah unfortunately isn't running the competition this year. Brian and Verity raised that October half term could be a good time to run this linked with Halloween. This needs advertising in the school. Phil and Paula offered to do this. 22nd oct -> 30th for Judging. Prizes to be £30,£20,£10 and any vouchers that Phil and Paula can collect. Food Stop/Spice bistro may offer prizes. Advertisements to be put up as soon as possible. Jacqui is happy to Judge again with Russell pairing.

10. Cannon Street Community Hall

Louise Barton has raised out the question whether FoH would take on the lease of the Cannon Street community Center. Jacqui has advised that the scouts had a business lease that is up on 31st Dec. If Louise chooses to continue, they can. The council has talked to the scouts about using the surestart center - possible community asset transfer. Expressions of interest in the surestart center need to be put in place by 7th October. A discussion about both options of taking on either building was had in detail.

Following detailed discussion, a vote was taken for FoH to no getting involved with either building, either working with Scouts or a 3rd party. The vote passed.

11. Xmas Activities.

- a. Santa Sleigh. Pist'n'nuts to be reached out to by Stephen. Paul Booth happy to drive again. Brian has proposed that a trike bike could be used possibly but no decision was made. Phil can get the santa outfit from the previous santa. Andrea to be spoken to about the trailer. Proposed dates mon12th tues13th weds14th for the santa sleigh this year. Starting at 6pm. Chris to be asked to arrange a street collection licence. Swizzels can provide confectionary, Russell to go and reach out to them. A group to organise the sleigh will be organised. Phil to lead on that – Colin and Liz, Verity, Russell to join the group. Delegated authority for a small budget has

been approved for groups going forward, without needing to request authorisation from the group. A £50 budget has been agreed.

- b. Xmas party – Marilyn has had a meeting with the fundraising committee managing this. Initial date pencilled in for 10th December. Last year was chaotic with too many children, so this year to reduce numbers to 40. 1 adult per child. Presents to be more even and similar costs. A nominal fee would be applied this year to cover costs. £2 may be the price so far. Child from 2-12yrs currently going. A proposal was raised to reduce the max age to 7-8yrs old. Liz and Verity agreed to join the fundraising committee to continue the discussion. Brian to ask if the con club available, and the capacity.
 - c. Xmas Raffle – Brian B has advised that he can do poster. Brightmores, shaz, spice bistro, the ward councillors, swizzels, bakery to be reached out to for prizes. Phil and Paula to manage and organise the raffle this year. Brian and Marilyn to do a hamper, Jacqui will organise a prize. £1 per ticket unless prizes are fantastic, then possibly increase.
 - d. Pantomime – Not being done this year. The committee agreed.
 - e. Lantern Making – Not doing this year however families are encouraged to make some for the light switch on.
 - f. Light switch on for 3rd December. Brian suggested that Arnfield are hired to sing this year. Tameside need contacting. Jacqui to speak to Nicola about the tree to use for the xmas lights. Possibility of using a bought tree every year was raised. Jacqui to speak to the council about light switch on. Fundraising committee to work out what to do about the tree.
12. Festival on the Green – Verity has done a lot of research and reached out to a number of folk. Estimated investment to run the event will be approx. £3000-4000 for the event. Jacqui raised that we would need to do something for the coronation. This could be some point in the next 6-18 months and FoH should do something. We need sponsors for FOTG – Verity has reached out already to speak to some companies. Stall attendees will be paying £30/stall. Verity to speak to “Michelle” at action together to talk about sponsorship. Everyone to be on the “subgroup” for setting up the event, but this to be decoupled from the FoH meetings.
13. AOB
- a. Poster needed for General Meeting 29th September. Brian B to do a poster. Phil to send mailing list email out to promote. Police to be informed that they will need to attend. Poster to be put in treacle gardens. We discussed doing a general meeting now (29th), one before Christmas, and then go quarterly moving forward, or exceptional meetings.
 - b. Development behind the organ – Great places still saying they will take possession and work will recommence in October.
 - c. Emily Wardman wants join the committee. We can invite her to the next meeting. Verity to reach out. Phil to send Verity the details.

Next Meeting:

15 October – committee. Weds 12th 7.00pm. General Meeting not to be ran that month, will do one before Christmas. Jacqui apologises as will be on leave.

Addendum – Chris Parrack has provided a treasurers report.

TREASURERS REPORT FOR 20th SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMITTEE MEETING

Balance at Bank 14th JUNE 2022 £3685.89

Balance at Bank 20th SEPTEMBER 2022 £4155.86

Notable income since last report:

£209.20 Cake and Lemonade sales Jubilee Picnic

£2000 Action Together Grant for Community Herb Gardens

£476.83 2nd Defibrillator Collection

Expenditure:

£60 Website Licence

£2044.26 Community Herb Gardens

£148.80 Defibrillator Battery

For information – Restricted Funds

£1010 2023 Village Trip funded by Festival on Green donation

£267 Michael Hargreaves Memorial

£440.23 Christmas Party Fund

£476.83 2nd Defibrillator Fund

This leaves £1961.80 as Unrestricted Funds in our bank account