# Friends of Stables Lane (FOSL) Working Group - Minutes

## Meeting 7pm Tuesday February 26th 2019

### Attendance

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| Kevin Alderson | Yes | Helen Dowson | Yes |
| John Backhouse | Yes | Keith Jackson | Yes |
| Lynn Beckwith | Yes | Alasdair Rattray | Yes |
| Scott Courts | Yes | Carol Taylor | Yes |
| Judith Dahlgreen | Yes | Anne Watts | Yes |

## Minutes

1. Introductions
2. Any comments from the public – (maximum 30 minutes)
   1. Linda and Bill Humphrey addressed the meeting and reported an ASB incident sometime overnight on February 22nd when bottles were broken on the BBQs, other litter was thrown around and there was evidence of urination on the BBQs.
   2. Chair recommended that this be reported to the Police online at <https://www.westyorkshire.police.uk/report-it>, so that the Police are fully aware and resources will be more likely to be allocated to Stables Lane as a result.
3. Approve Minutes from previous meeting
   1. Minutes were approved.
4. Chairman’s report on previous Parish Council meeting
   1. Chair reported that the FOSL Working Group were expected to discuss the Church Street development, in relation to Stables Lane Park, and provide feedback to be incorporated into the Parish Council’s overall comments to be collated by Cllr Keith Blake.
   2. Chair reported that due to a disclosable interest in the Church Street development he would be unable to take part on future discussions including those of the FOSL WG.
5. Sub-group Reports – (allocated time 10 minutes each)
   1. Phase Two Report
      1. Cllr Alderson reported no new items in relation to Phase Two.
   2. Operations, Administration and Finance Report
      1. Cllr Court reported that there had been no significant financial movements.
      2. Cllr Taylor confirmed that a litter picking schedule would be organised.
      3. Cllr Taylor reported that the Village Hall Management Committee were looking at getting an electronic booking system and that this could probably be used for Stables Lane facility booking as well. She will keep the group informed. BBQ, Stage Area and Football pitches are all facilities that would require a form of Booking Service to be available.
   3. Fundraising and Events Report
      1. It was agreed that an “official” Opening Event would be organised to coincide with the Village Festival and take place on Sunday July 14th .
      2. Lynn Beckwith and Anne Watts agreed to develop outline plans and an estimated budget for the event.
      3. Geoff Shaw will be invited to the March meeting to discuss links to the Village Festival.
      4. Cllr Kevin Alderson requested that members stay vigilant in looking out for alternative fundraising sources.
   4. Nature Area Report
      1. Keith Jackson listed recent activities, notably the local primary school engagement.
      2. Judith Dahlgreen expressed St Marys’ interest in getting involved as soon as practicable in the context of other priorities faced by the school.
6. Other “One-Off” Activities Reports
   1. Church Street Development discussion
      1. Chair Cllr Kevin Alderson relinquished the Chair to Cllr Scott Courts.
      2. Cllr Carol Taylor and Cllr Kevin Alderson agreed to stay silent due to each having disclosed an interest in the Church Street development.
      3. A full discussion concluded with the agreement that Cllr Courts will provide the agreed FOSL feedback, in written notes, to the Parish Council for inclusion in the Parish Council’s overall comments on the Planning application.
      4. Written Notes included below as an Appendix
   2. CCTV provision
      1. Document obtained from TAP Security illustrated a possible solution to cover play area and car park. Rough cost £2,500, plus £1,000 for a camera tower.
      2. This document could be used as the basis for a specification to get alternative quotes
      3. It was agreed to investigate the cost of providing power, which would be additional to the CCTV system cost.
      4. Extending the power supply across to the Stage Area was also discussed. This will be investigated alongside the CCTV provision.
      5. A brief discussion around the cost benefit of spending the money versus the impact it may or may not have on behaviour concluded that when costs are clearer this question could be considered then, before finalising recommendations to the Parish Council.
7. Any Other Business
   1. Possible “free tree” provision
      1. Deferred to next meeting due to lack of time.
   2. Request was made to discuss the current dog ban at the next meeting, and this was agreed.

### Meeting Closed at 9.20pm

### Next Meeting is Tuesday March 26th

# Appendix

Friends of Stables Lane - Notes re Church Street Planning Application

Access to Stables Lane Park:

We are pleased that the planning application shows two routes of access into Stables Lane Park as suggested by the Neighbourhood Plan (NP) however we have strong reservations about the style of the access, both of which are shown as long and thin ginnel style entry points.  We would much prefer shorter, wider, more open and landscaped access points.  We hope that the access points encourage pedestrian access into and through the park, including prams/buggies, but that would prevent motorbike/vehicular access.  To do so, the access points need to feel safe and secure, which the current plan fails to achieve.

Boundaries/House Layout

The current application shows the top right hand area of the development to include approx. 24 houses with back gardens adjoining the boundary of Stables Lane Park. We are concerned that this current layout may fail to provide a uniformity of the boundary I.e potentially 24 different styles and heights of fencing, as well as differing styles and heights of outbuildings within the gardens.  Also the hedgerow between the Park and the development is a haven for wildlife which may not be able to flourish within the current plans.  We would welcome a redesign of the development to include houses that looked out onto the Park.

Green Space

The design appears to be lacking in the required green space for the size of the development, which neither complements the green space of the Park or the village as a whole.

Trees

The NP states that any development should complement the current community space and we feel the very low number of trees included in the plan (far more trees will be removed than replaced) fails to complement the green space of the Park.