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

## Meeting 7pm Tuesday March 26th 2019

### Attendance

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Kevin Alderson | Yes | Helen Dowson | No |
| John Backhouse | Yes | Keith Jackson | No |
| Lynn Beckwith | Yes | Alasdair Rattray | Yes |
| Scott Courts | Yes | Carol Taylor | No |
| Judith Dahlgreen | No | Anne Watts | Yes |

## Minutes

1. Introductions
   1. Geoff Shaw, (representing the Village Festival group), was introduced to the WG
2. Any comments from the public – (maximum 30 minutes)
   1. No members of the public in attendance
3. Chairman’s report on previous Parish Council meeting
   1. Chair missed the last PC meeting
   2. PC Minutes highlighted Action Items “ongoing” for Chair Kevin Alderson
      1. Formal Risk Assessment of Stables Lane following playground risk assessment course scheduled for April 25th
      2. Costed CCTV proposal for Stables Lane
4. Sub-group Reports – (allocated time 10 minutes each)
   1. Phase Two Report
      1. Nothing new to report
   2. Operations, Administration and Finance Report
      1. Scott Courts reported no significant financial movements
      2. Chair confirmed that Carol Taylor had organised regular litter picking which had commenced
   3. Fundraising and Events Report
      1. Anne Watts updated on the plans for an Opening Ceremony
      2. Geoff Shaw updated on the “Big Weekend” Festival plans
      3. Discussions about how best to cooperate and coordinate activities during the Festival then took place with numerous good ideas and suggestions from the whole group
      4. It was agreed that Kevin Alderson would summarise the current plans and prepare a proposal for the PC recommending a budget to support the Opening Ceremony
      5. Anne Watts and Lynn Beckwith were congratulated by Kevin Alderson for their excellent work on the Opening Ceremony plans
   4. Nature Area Report
      1. Helen Dowson and Keith Jackson were both absent so Kevin Alderson provided comments
      2. The bulbs planted earlier in the year are starting to flower
      3. The gate at the eastern end of the Nature Area has a broken latch. It was agreed that Kevin Alderson would approach Brambledown, (the contractors), for repairs including ideas for a more robust latching mechanism
5. Other “One-Off” Activities Reports
   1. CCTV provision – update from Chair
      1. Nothing new to report this month
      2. John Backhouse offered to follow up on the possible re-connection costs with the Power Grid
6. Any Other Business
   1. Dog policy was discussed by the Group
      1. It was agreed that Kevin Alderson would commence developing a new policy, utilising any existing templates available, that reflected a “dog on a lead” policy with an exclusion zone around the Play Equipment Area be recommended as a replacement for the current complete ban
      2. It was noted that much improved signage would also be required and that this should be of a sympathetic nature, possibly designed by local school children
      3. Once a new policy was approved by the WG it would be taken forward as a recommendation to the PC for discussion and hopefully approval
   2. Car Parking space marking was raised by John Backhouse
      1. It was noted that the sprayed yellow lines had worked very effectively for getting people to park appropriately
      2. Unfortunately the yellow spray disappears so a more permanent solution is required
      3. It was noted that Phase 2 ideas include an upgrade to the car park surface, with appropriate markings provided, but this will be an expensive undertaking and funds are not currently available
      4. It was agreed that WG members would investigate alternative methods of marking bays out more permanently, such as with low wooden markers sunk into the surface
      5. It was also agreed that the area in front of the footpath exit from the grassed area out into the Car Park required a “safety barrier” of some description to allow safe buggy access and indicate clearly that cars should not be parked close to this exit
         1. Ideas included a “planter” provided by BiB or the positioning of the remaining unused cycle hoop to act as a barrier
   3. Kevin Alderson confirmed that he would provide meeting dates for the second six months of the year and book the Committee Room accordingly

### Meeting Closed at 8.35pm

### Next Meeting is April 30th