

Friends of Stables Lane (FOSL)

Working Group Meeting

Tuesday 2nd December 2025 at 7pm
Boston Spa Village Hall Committee Room

Minutes

Attendees: David Taylor (DT), Kevin Alderson (KA), Keith Jackson (KJ), John Backhouse (JB)

Apologies: Luke Broadbent (LBr), Colin Speers (CS), Andy Colledge (AC), Lynn Beckwith (LB)

1. Comments from the public (from 7.00 maximum of 20 minutes) – [No members of the public were in attendance](#)

2. Approval of last meeting minutes – [Approved by the group](#)

3. Operations, Administration and Finance

3.1. Car Park resurfacing – (KA) The Parish Council (PC) are fully aware of the [problems around the drain at the entrance to the car park and are awaiting an investigation visit from an engineer from Yorkshire Water to assess the situation and propose a solution which may involve tarmacking or block paving.](#)

3.2 Maintenance of Park update – [AC was not able to attend the meeting or provide an update but the park appears to be in good condition for the time of year. Replacement boulders have been installed to replace the disintegrated logs at the side of the car park and in time a couple more boulders may be installed. A volunteer team is required to assist with ongoing maintenance and it was agreed that DT would ask AC to follow up with the guide leader. KJ will also see if the Green Group would be able to provide some voluntary maintenance assistance in future.](#)

3.3 Playground Equipment update – [the last quarterly inspection report was carried out by Kompan on 29th September and there were a few low-risk areas to report. There was some offensive graffiti around the side of the slide panels and these have now been removed by the PC.](#)

3.4 2026 Green Flag Award update – KJ advised that the deadline for submission of the 2026 Green Flag Award is 31st January. He is happy to once again complete the application updating the documents submitted for the 2025 award, but would appreciate assistance and support from other members of the FOSL. It was agreed that DT and KA would assist KJ with the application process at a meeting on 8th January.

3.5 Replacement of Gazebo roof in South West corner of Park – DT advised that the PC have approved the replacement of the gazebo roof in the SW corner of the park at a cost of £900. It is anticipated that the work will be done in December\January. A replacement roof for the other gazebo by the playground will be done in 2026.

3.6 Update on Park Benches beside the tennis courts – DT reported that these were finally installed in September and are a great addition to the park. A request has been made for some additional paving from the start of the existing footpath that goes to the bowling club to the edge of the car park. This will be considered when a solution to the Car Park surface has been sorted.

4. 2026 Events Update

4.1. DT reported that it was likely that the ‘Party in the Park’ event will be held again in July next year on the same date as the Wimbledon final. The date will be confirmed at the next Parish Council Events Committee meeting in January.

4.2. DT advised that the Circus Company which attended in May to great success were keen to return but would not be able to come in 2026 returning instead in 2027. They have asked the PC if they can reserve a place for 2027 and are happy to pay a holding fee for 2026 to avoid any potential competitors taking their place. The PC are happy to consider this subject to the agreement of the FOSL committee.

5. Ongoing \Future Projects

5.1 Church Street Development update

DT reported that the latest hybrid application for full planning application for demolition of existing structure and development of 13 dwellings including new access from Church Street with associated works and outline application for seven self-build/custom build houses is to be considered by Leeds Council Plans Panel on 11 December. The FOSL committee are awaiting the outcome of this application before considering how the developers can assist with developing access to the west area of the park.

5.2 Table Tennis Table grant – DT has made some enquiries on grant funding for a new Table Tennis table and will report back at the next meeting

5.3 Potential footpath from St Mary's School to SE entrance of Park

CS was unable to attend the meeting but has since sent DT the following email on behalf of St Marys School which is very encouraging:

The governors are happy to explore options in the future should the funds ever become available for the parish council (cognisant of potential CIL money on the proposed development on church lane). There are no plans to develop on the strip that is most likely to be required for some form of access along the boundary between the bungalow and the neighbouring house to allow access via the allotments. This was discussed and minutes in a full governors meeting.

We will always have to assured of safeguarding and antisocial behaviour, but appreciate the parish council would be mindful of the same concerns.

It was agreed that DT would meet with CS before the next FOSL meeting to discuss next steps

5.4 Future 'Wishlist' – (All) To revisit when substantial funds become available

5. AOB – JB reported that people who are not using the park are continuing to park their cars in Stables Lane car park causing problems for others who are wanting to use the park. JB had spoken to a couple of car owners who were apparently not aware that the car park is only for users of the park. It was agreed that JB would get a quote for a permanent sign to be erected by the entrance to the park respectfully reminding people that the car park is only for people using the park at the time. It was agreed that it would be very difficult to enforce this but it was hoped a sign would reduce the ongoing problem. DT will request approval and funding from the PC at the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting – Tuesday 3rd March 2026 7:00pm