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

## Meeting 7pm Tuesday April 30th 2019

### Attendance

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| Kevin Alderson | Yes | Helen Dowson | Yes (part) |
| John Backhouse | Yes | Keith Jackson | No |
| Lynn Beckwith | No | 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. No members of the public present
3. Chairman’s report on previous Parish Council meeting
   1. Chair confirmed Parish Council support for the Opening Ceremony activity
   2. Chair confirmed he would be doing a Stables Lane update at the Parish Annual Meeting, May 8th
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. Feedback on BBQ use
         1. First users reported having a very enjoyable day
         2. Discussed feedback received and Carol Taylor will look at developing “general usage guidelines” and a booking system for the equipment
      2. Feedback on Litter Rota
         1. Working successfully
         2. Further dates in the year to be published for people to book
   3. Fundraising and Events Report
      1. Festival coordination update on progress
         1. Fully developed schedule of events and activities booked and in place. Most details agreed and understood. Everything is shaping up well
         2. Chair was asked to take responsibility on the day for the Parish Council PA system, which he agreed to do
         3. Chair to provide a report to the Parish Council May meeting including details of any resource requirements that may be needed
         4. Chair noted the excellent work of Anne Watts and Lynn Beckwith in developing the Opening Ceremony event and liaising with the Festival Team
      2. Initial discussion about the News Year’s Eve event suggestion
         1. Everyone welcomed the approach and the offer of assistance
         2. Discussions centred on caution around the amount of work entailed in making the event a reality and the likely lack of significant fundraising impact
         3. The conclusion was to defer a New Year event for this year and to approach the wider Volunteer community for their feedback on not only the New Year Party concept but also any other ideas that they may have to deliver a major fundraising impact
         4. Chair would thank Sandra Willis for her ideas and give her feedback on the conclusions
   4. Nature Area Report
      1. Helen Dowson will investigate School curriculum requirement for “nature engagement” and enlist support for Stables Lane activity from Primrose Lane and work with Judith Dahlgreen to approach St Mary’s in a similar vein
5. Other “One-Off” Activities Reports
   1. CCTV provision – update from Chair
      1. Nothing new to report
   2. Discussion of Dog Policy Review, aim to finalise recommendations to the Parish Council
      1. Discussion concluded with recommendations for “dogs on lead” access only and dogs banned from the designated Play Area. (This was a majority decision not a unanimous decision)
      2. Chair to write up this as a Policy Statement for ratification, prior to taking forward to the Parish Council
      3. Chair agreed to investigate LCC’s stance and power in relation to Dog Policy for Stables Lane, i.e. is it a purely Parish Council decision or do they retain any control
   3. Discussion of Boston in Bloom (BiB) offer of sponsorship for the Park
      1. Everyone welcomed the offer from BiB
      2. Discussions concluded that there were a number of options to consider and that these should be investigated in more detail and then provided back to BiB for their review and feedback
6. Any Other Business
   1. Discuss the interest expressed by local Cub Scouts to assist with the Park
      1. This was welcomed by all and Chair was tasked with following up
   2. Discuss additional signage and “Honours Board” design
      1. Chair to provide alternative ideas and designs to the Working Group for consideration and recommendations
   3. Meeting dates and times were confirmed for the remainder of 2019
   4. Chair reported the approach of a local Teacher interested in assisting with the attempt to mitigate the ASB being experienced on Stables Lane. This was welcomed by all
   5. Anne Watts confirmed that the ice cream provider to the Opening Ceremony would be donating a proportion of their takings on the day to the Stables Lane funds. This news was welcomed by all

### Meeting Closed 8.15pm

### Next Meeting Tuesday May 28th