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

## Meeting 7pm Tuesday July 30th 2019

### Attendance

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| Kevin Alderson | Yes |  |  |
| John Backhouse | Yes | Keith Jackson | Yes |
| Lynn Beckwith | Yes | Alasdair Rattray | No |
| Scott Courts | Yes | Carol Taylor | No |
| Judith Dahlgreen | No | Anne Watts | Yes (part) |

## Minutes

1. Introductions
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. The PC meeting was the Monday after the Festival weekend however it was noted at the Meeting that the Festival seemed to be a BIG success.
4. Sub-group Reports – (allocated time 10 minutes each)
   1. Fundraising and Events Report
      1. Festival / Opening Ceremony feedback was given by Anne and Lynn.
      2. More pre-planning required with a bit clearer delegation of responsibilities.
         1. Agreed to start planning for next year’s “Party in the Park” in January.
      3. Noted the disappointment about the non-arrival of the Super Cars and the Fire Engine.
      4. More variety of food outlets for future events to be considered, as well as a “% of takings” agreement rather than “flat fee”.
      5. Shortage of volunteers when it came down to it, a couple of people spent a lot of time, although happy to do this it would have been better to have more volunteers come forward.
      6. John and Scott confirmed that the Bowling Club and Tennis Club respectively had a successful day.
      7. Discussion about improved signage considered the possibility of a large sign on Cohen’s Chemist wall, possibly painted by a local artist.
      8. Discussion about the provision of toilets.
         1. It was concluded that permanent toilets were not a priority for funding
         2. Temporary toilets are reasonably priced and can be provided for events where numerous people are expected, (although more than just one “normal” toilet would probably be advisable)
         3. If the financial position were to improve sufficiently in the future then consideration could be given to this idea
      9. Discussion about the provision of power to the Stage Area
         1. It was concluded that permanent power provision to the Stage Area was not a priority for funding
         2. It was concluded that such provision would also be relatively complicated, expensive and difficult to provide in a fashion that would meet all needs.
         3. Temporary power provision through mobile generators are not only reasonably priced but also flexible. They can provide appropriate power for events in line with requirements, which may vary substantially, depending upon the performers involved.
         4. Experience with the “Tennis Screen” also indicates that there is a good chance that providers of entertainment would bring appropriate power sources with them.
         5. If the financial position were to improve sufficiently in the future then consideration could be given to this idea, but probably be done on the basis of full power provision throughout the Park, not simply the Stage Area.
      10. Formal vote of thanks from the Chair to all WG members for their excellent work on the day, notably Carol, Scott and Alasdair, but a special vote of thanks to Anne and Lynn for all their organising before working all day at the Event in addition!!
      11. Formal vote of thanks from the Chair to Keith for his Car Rally contribution of £470.
   2. Phase Two Report
      1. Chair is continuing to investigate appropriate covers/shelters for the Stage and some of the seating and will report back on the findings.
   3. Operations, Administration and Finance Report
      1. Church Group will be using the Park for a BBQ event 2nd August.
   4. Nature Area Report
      1. Andy Colledge will be joining the FOSL WG and join Keith with oversight for the Nature Area.
      2. Keith exploring additional Bug Life support.
      3. It was agreed that a plan to “sort out” the Apple Trees would be devised.
5. Other “One-Off” Activities Reports
   1. CCTV provision – update from Scott and Alasdair
      1. Progress with a 6 month temporary provision by LCC, through the Ward Councillors, is very likely to occur.
      2. Work would continue to investigate a more permanent solution for provision once the temporary period has expired, shared between the Parish Council and the Tennis Club.
      3. Scott and Alasdair will continue this work.
6. Any Other Business
   1. Replacement Barbeques
      1. Chair is investigating alternatives and will report back.
   2. Dogs
      1. Still awaiting feedback from LCC.
   3. Best village competition
      1. Agreed to support the contribution to this competition in exchange for the Prize Money if successful.
   4. Car Park
      1. Requested that John Backhouse investigate the marking out of parking bays using embedded timber or something similar.
      2. Agreed that Chair would follow up on the task of installing the remaining cycle hoop in front of the footpath exit for safety purposes.
      3. Agreed that alternative gate structure should be investigated to replace the scaffolding pole.
   5. Power to the Stage
      1. Based on the Festival’s desire that their contribution be spent on providing power to the Stage Area this was once again discussed.
   6. Vandalism reduced
      1. It was noted that incidents of vandalism seemed to have reduced recently
   7. Legacy “vehicle”
      1. Keith reminded the Chair that there is an outstanding action to investigate the provision of a suitable “vehicle” for accepting legacy donations in support of the Park.

### Meeting Closed 8.25pm

### Next Meeting Tuesday August 27th