



Minutes AGM Friends of Ashby Bath Grounds 12/05/2016

PRESENT.

Committee Members: Elaine Robinson (Chair).
Clare Birch (Secretary), David Bigby (Treasurer), Annie Ingram, Phil Jones,
Chris Smith, Yvonne Smith, Geoff Bibby, Jeremy Birch

Also present;

J. Brigginsaw, M. Bennett, J. Bibby, A. Homer, B. Elston, B. Lawrence, C.
Morrisey, D. Sinclair, D.Cooper, N.Blessington, D. Wing, A. Dyer, P. Dyer, A.
Bennett, H. Webster, B. Webster, P. Jones, W. Freer, , J. Curtois, C. Shaw, J.
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APOLOGIES.

Brian Everitt, P. Makepeace, A. Salter

APPROVAL of the Minutes of 2015 AGM

Approved

MINUTES.

3. Officers Reports

A. Chair

The Chair thanked everyone for coming and briefly outlined some of the events and activities that the Friends had been involved in over the last 12 months including;

The Heritage Footpath Project

The installation of the footpath was carried out in November 2015 and has been well used during the winter and early spring months.

The five heritage boards and way markers have been installed and the Friends are currently working on a Heritage leaflet to compliment the trail

Free Archaeology sessions will be commencing later on this month and also for June and July

Free Walks and Talks sessions – the first walk and talk was carried out in April and another one is planned for June

The New Ivanhoe Baths Mosaic will be installed and unveiled by the Mayor during the Arts Festival weekend on the Bath Grounds, along with the singing of the Ballad of the Bath Grounds, community mosaics and maypole dancing.

A new bench has been installed along the Heritage Trail which was kindly donated by a local family

Pride in our Bath Grounds campaign

This campaign was launched last year and has been very successful – the Friends saw a reduction of dog waste by 60% as a result of their ‘pledge to pick up’ initiative and dog flagging

Litter picks have continued in the spring and autumn months – with lots of support from members who have volunteered.



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ASB is being addressed on an ongoing basis by the Friends working closely with the police and asking Bath Ground users to be vigilant and ring 101 if they are concerned with any unwanted activities going on. Dog mess a reduction

Ongoing quarterly maintenance meetings

with the Town Council have proved to be successful so far and the Friends will continue to work with the Town Council to ensure maintenance is carried out in a timely manner.

The Prior Park footpath project

Is a new project this year and the Friends have been working on a vision for this area with the Town Council

The Chair thanked the committee for all their hard work this year and also paid tribute to Lorna Titley who was tragically killed in January and is a very sad loss to the committee and all her friends in Ashby

B. Treasurer (David Bigby)

Friends account

Expenditure and balance (April – March)

There was an update by the Treasurer – financial year accounts April 1st 2015 – March 31st 2016

Total income 2015/16 - £1721.5 (£1085 fundraising from plant sale half of which donated to Hospice Hope, £600 from membership)

Balance at end of 2015/ 2016 - £744.24

Major spends include plaque for flowerbed, subscription from the Friends Web site

Half the cost of the new Friends' Gazebo (the other half was paid for by the HLF)

Accounts have been fully audited.

Heritage Footpath project account

Income

£40,401 – HLF

£18,191 – NWLDC

£102 Leicester Mercury

(project is still owed monies from NWLDC which should be forthcoming in the next few weeks)

Total income £58,414

Monies spent so far

Installation of the footpath costs – £36,343 – 5% retainer kept for remedial spring work

£1050 – printing of revised Spa Book

Publicity - £741.50 (includes gazebo costs)

C. Membership Update by A. Ingram

2014 – 62 members

2015 – 79 members

2016 – 103 to date



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4. Constitution Resolutions

Title: Increasing number of committee members from 10 to 12

Proposed by: Clare Birch

Date: 26 April 2016

Seconded by: Annie Ingram

Date 27th April 2016

Not passed – put on hold for further discussion

Title: Increasing the number of individuals that can be co-opted from 3 to 4

Proposed by: Clare Birch

Date: 26 April 2016

Seconded by: Annie Ingram

Date; 27th April 2016

Passed

5. Election of Officers

Elaine Robinson was nominated for Chair, seconded by Chris Smith

Clare Birch was nominated for Chair, seconded by Annie Ingram

Following a vote, Clare Birch was voted in as Chair

Dave Bigby was nominated for Treasurer, seconded by Clare Birch and accepted.

Vince Mott was nominated for secretary, seconded by Clare Birch and accepted

6. Election of committee members

The following people volunteered and were accepted as committee members as follows;
Annie Ingram, Elaine Robinson, Chris Smith, Yvonne Smith, Geoff Bibby and Jeremy Birch.

The following committee members stepped down; Wendy Freer, Phil Jones.

Questions and answers session

No questions from the floor

AOB

W. Freer reminded everyone that there will be another Quick flicks showing of the Polkas and Pustules film on the 03 June due to high demand. Tickets are free and can be collected from the Tourist Information Centre.

W. Freer reminded the AGM of the Civic Award for the most improved environment category. If the Bath Grounds are short- listed then voting will be carried out on Saturday 28th May up at the Ivanhoe school during the Arts Festival weekend.

D. Bigby brought up the Neighbourhood Plan consultation which starts on the 2nd June – this is the opportunity for the public to have their say on the level of protection to be given to local green space which includes the Bath Grounds, Castle Field and the Memorial Field