**Friends of Ancells Farm**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting, 26th March 2014**

Attendees: Simon Taylor (ST)

Isy Paton (IP)

Helen Newman (HN)

Phil Fahey (PF)

Jackie Fahey (JF)

Sam Hallam (SH)

Jon Wright (JW)

Paula Clinch (PC)

Nigel Clinch (NC)

George Woods (GW)

Apologies: Lisa Nicholson (LN), Tash Barker (TB), Nicola Saunders (NS)

1. **3G Football Pitch**

George gave an update on the football pitch proposal. He confirmed that the recommendation to the HDC Cabinet meeting on 3rd April was that the money should be given to Hampshire CC to allow them to install a 3G pitch at Calthorpe Park School.

It was agreed that the FOAF committee would still attend the Cabinet meeting and confirm the FOAF position that they are pleased with the Cabinet recommendation and support the pitch being installed at Calthorpe Park School, which is a much more suitable location for such a large pitch. The Ancells Park is the wrong place for the pitch.

1. **Development Plan**

It was agreed this needs to be updated to include the views of the new committee members and to be finalised. Other ideas for the plan are to investigate ‘village green’ status for the park, look into a ‘green gym’ with possible grant funding, reopen suggestion of outdoor table tennis table.

**Action:**

* IP to circulate latest version, along with a copy of the wish list and park map
* All Committee members to review and incorporate their comments
* A meeting to be held in the park to discuss ideas and suitable locations for equipment / planting etc.

1. **Benches**

Isy & George have both chased FTC. Janet has promised to respond.

**Action:**

* IP to chase FTC again for a response about what benches are in line with their policy.

1. **Swings / Basket ball hoop**

Fleet Lions have granted FOAF £1000 towards the swings/benches, but matched funding needs to be obtained from other sources before the £1000 can be claimed. We have approx. £400 in the bank account. Simon has approached Adrian Collett and Sharyn Wheale to see if they are amenable to FOAF applying for further ‘Have your Say grants’. It was agreed to charge a little bit more for events in 2014 to try to make some money towards this project.

**Actions:**

* ST to progress ‘Have your say grants’.

1. **It’s your Neighbourhood**

IP has submitted the entry for 2014 IYN. A paper summarising what FOAF has achieved during the year will need to be submitted in the Spring. FOAF have received poppy seeds from the RHS to mark the anniversary of WW1. It was agreed these should be planted asap. Possible sites for planting are on the corner of Farm Drive under the park sign, or next to the wildflower beds at the back of the park.

**Action:**

* organise a site for planting and arrange planting.

1. **Easter Egg Hunt & Britain in Bloom ‘Growing for Gold’**

**Action:**

* IP to speak to TB for a progress report.
* All to support & help out

1. **Woods**

No report – waiting for the Spring.

1. **Zip Wire flooring**

George confirmed that FTC are planning to replace this surface.

**Action:**

* IP to write to council to request replacement flooring & also to address the entrance to the U5’s play park.

1. **Fleet Town Council Action Day**

George confirmed that FTC were holding their action day on 10th May. FOAF to consider whether they want to join this day.

1. **Offers of help**

We have received offers of help from Rev C Bird and 6th Fleet Explorers Group. IP has invited both to the 10th April meeting so we can discuss how they might be able to help.

1. **Social Events**

It was agreed that a sub-committee be set up to investigate social events, e.g. St George’s day event, party in the park, street party, beer festival etc.

1. **Meetings**

It was agreed that after the April meeting, FOAF meetings would be set for **2nd Wednesday of every month.**

**Date of next meeting: 10th April 2014, Falkners Arms**