

FRIENDS OF TOWNELEY PARK

Meeting Held March 26th 2014

1. Present: Ian Walton, Grayson Holden, Keith Buchanan, Ronnie Pollard, Vicky Dewhurst, Pat Ashton, Pete Ashton, Alex Mc Donough, Andy Buck, Carly. Glover, Linda White, Pat Colbran, Susan Barker, Margaret Crane, Maureen Frankland, Richard Moss.
Apologies from: Keith Wilson, June Pritchard, John Nuttall.
2. Minutes of last meeting and matters arising.
 - a) Bridge at Wetlands not yet in place. S. Goff has prioritised development of Prairie Playing Fields and Brun Valley Park etc. The new bridge has not yet been ordered. V. Dewhurst to discuss this with S. Goff and work on a way to resolve the issue.
 - b) Noticeboards at Deerpark- Pat Colbran has applied for and received £300 from the Councillor's Ward Fund to pay for this. She is pursuing this with Keith Wilson.
 - c) Big Billy area again becoming a mess and we are to write to Sally Cryer, Headteacher at Unity College, regarding litter their students are dropping.
 - d) Also L White will chase up Community Payback re: removal of unwanted gravel on Towneley Park paths.
 - e) There is to be a special meeting for FOTP to discuss ideas for Santa's Grotto, Heritage Day, etc., on April 23rd at 10 a.m. at Towneley Hall. Meeting re H&W and Bonfire Friday May 2nd at 11.30 with Simon Goff and Andy Buck
 - f) The puppets have been cleaned and are available for use on events days.
 - g) There will **not** be a walk on June 15th as previously suggested.
 - h) We are not doing a display at Skipton Building Society this year.
3. Ribble Rivers Trust - Victoria Dewhurst gave us a report on River Cleaning and circulated the RRT magazine. FOTP were awarded a certificate to show that we have been involved in the clean up and we are to be the River Action Group for River Calder in Towneley. It was suggested that the certificate be displayed in the Stables cafe. (It has now been displayed in the Foyer)
4. Treasurer's Report: Richard and Cynthia Moss will carry out the Treasurer's duties. Maureen will collect accounts from June and pass them on to Richard and Cynthia. Very little financial movement since last meeting, only 3 inserts – Made up of 2 payments and 1 donation (£300 from Cllrs). Following Andy Buck's request it was agreed to donate £250 towards the Brass Band Concert.
5. Officers Report:
 - a) Poppy seed scattering is now beginning for World War 1 project "Little Children Weak".
 - b) No official cricket teams are likely this year.
 - c) New Rounders teams may start playing. Janet Roundell is trying to drum up support for this.
 - d) Towneley Community Tennis Club also preparing to improve tennis facilities and participation in the park.
 - e) Roger Rawlinson, the Trees Officer, is taking care of dead and dangerous trees – taking over part of Keith Wilson's former role. Mark Rogers has overall oversight of Woodland issues.
 - f) Leaflets are needed for the Smallholding Trail- Andy agreed to discuss this with Graham and get them printed.
 - g) Steve Woods needs more volunteers to help with the gardening if anyone has time to spare .

6. Future Activities:

- a) "Towneley News 12" distributed. Everyone encouraged to distribute them widely.
- b) Pat Colbran to explore purchase of 2 new bird feeders for next Spring. Members with bird seed to use it before Maureen removes the bird feeders over the summer months.
- d) School visits to the daffodils not to take place this year due to other commitments.
- c) Easter Egg parade and trail is on Easter Sunday and list of volunteers and part they will play was distributed. Mrs. Hegginbotham to be asked to judge the Hat Parade.
- d) HLF project almost complete. Heritage leaflets soon to be printed. Heritage trail still to be set up. There is to be a celebration of the end of HLF project (Fountain, Deer and History leaflet and trail). Suggested tea party on Sunday 29th June from 3.30 onwards, preceded by a choice of walks in the Park linked to the heritage trail. Steering group to arrange this celebration.
- e) Feedback from Alex McDonough re his project on Towneley Park. He is interested in the Asian Community's concept and usefulness of Towneley Park, and is considering a health and history link. He plans to produce a website based on people's perceptions of the park. In Summer he wants to take participants he has interviewed to the Park and get their views on site. Alex is happy to link his website to the FOTP Website if the group think this is appropriate.
- f) Notice Board and Scooters. Volunteers have all signed up. Easter notices ready for distribution.
- g) May Day – Monday May 5th. Usual arrangements, stalls outside the shop. Raffle, Bric-a-brac and Plants stalls. Scooters available if required. It was agreed not to hire a table in the main marquee.
- h) Barwise Dahlias have been overwintered and can now be brought on at Offshoots, before planting out at Gardening Club in June.
- i) Plants from the Italian garden will be sold in the middle of May/ early June. Please save newspaper to sell them in. (Steve Woods thinks this may be the week of May 15th - 22nd).
- j) We will be hosting a visit from the Lower Burgh Meadow Conservation Group on Sunday 1st. They will be arriving at the Hall car park, by bus, at 11.15am and will take part visits to Offshoots, the Hall, walks, bowls, pitch and putt etc.

AOB: Key for notice boards is in shop. (Lost at present. Maureen/Graham trying to resolve).

VOLUNTEERS

Easter Egg and Nature Trail	Sunday April 20 th	Pat and Pete, Pat C, Ian, Ronnie, Susan, Margaret, Maureen Andrew, Linda
Meeting re Heritage and Woodland and Christmas	Wednesday April 23 rd 10am	Ian, Pat and Pete, Grayson, Ronnie, Margaret, PatC, Linda, Maureen
Poppy seeding and St Stephens garden	Friday April 25 th	Keith, Ian, Grayson, Maureen
Heritage and Woodland, and Bonfire meeting with Simon and Andy	Friday May 2 nd 11.30am	Ian, Maureen, Pat and Pete (apologies on holiday). Ronnie (apologies). Pat C
May day festival	Monday May 5 th	Pat and Pete, Margaret, Keith, Susan, Pat C. Maureen and Andrew. Others needed.
Sale of plants from Italian garden	May 15 th – 22 nd	Ian, Keith, Pete, Grayson, Pat C, Maureen
Lower Burgh Visit	Sunday June 1 st 11am	Pat and Pete, Keith, Susan, Maureen, Pat and Richard, Ronnie?? Margaret? Grayson?
Brass Band Concert	Sunday June 8 th	All