

AGM of Friends of Wheelock Playing Fields held on 22nd March 2018

Minutes of the meeting.

1. Welcome from Mike to all attendees.

2. Apologies from the following :- Gail Wait, Gina Sproson, John Grattan, Nigel Gunn , and Dot Flint.

3. Mike explained that there were no previous minutes as this was our first AGM.

4. & 6 The Chairpersons report was read out by Mike and a copy handed round. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Shirley Davies and seconded by Paula Nicholson. The report will be added to the web site..

5. & 6 The treasurers report was read out by Mike and a copy handed round. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Shirley Davies and seconded by Carla Bennett.

7 Nominations for chair were asked for and Mike Swaits , existing chair, was unopposed he was nominated by Shirley Davies and seconded by Kate Southwell. Voted in unanimously .

John Grattan , existing treasurer, was unopposed. Nominated by Mike Swaits and seconded by Alison Swaits voted in unanimously.

Nigel Gunn existing secretary has resigned from this position. Mike Swaits suggested that this could be a joint position and nominated Alison Swaits and Shirley Davies. Seconded by Paula Nicholson. Unopposed and voted in unanimously.

Committee members are the following: -

Mike Swaits.	Paula Nicholson
Alison Swaits.	Mark Stone
Shirley Davies	Carla Bennett.
Gina Sproson	John Grattan

All agreed to continue on the committee.

Laura Crane and Becky Banks asked to join the committee and this was agreed.

Val Kerr and Sally Broadbent, existing committee members, were not in attendance and Mike is to contact them to ask if they wish to remain on the committee. Jane Street asked to resign from the committee but wished to remain a member and expressed an interest in helping out with events etc.

9. Mike thanked Dot Flint, Gail Wait and the retiring committee members for all their help and support over the last year. Also thanks to the Barchetta management for allowing us to hold our meetings there.

Kate Southwell and Colin Pierpoint thanked the committee for all that they had achieved.

10. Thanks to Mark Stone for set up of the web site and face book page. It is hoped that he will be able to guide and support us with this in the future . It now has about 500 members.

We discussed the need for an administrator for the Facebook information page. It was felt that this needed to be checked daily and also we made need further guidance on this. Kate suggested that Kevin may be able to help with this. We will add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

11. Moving forward. Mike opened this to all members for ideas.

Gail had suggested emailing organisations for possible funding for the pathway.

It was suggested that a fund raising officer might arrange funds from local businesses.

It was thought that the church next to the field might be approached with regard to help with any fund raising events.

There was thought to be an opportunity to use the Barchetta for a fundraising event and we will

discuss and then approach them.

We will ask Dot Flint about any funds available locally.

Benches and tables are to be our next priority.

Mike has spoken to some local developers with regard to community money.

We are to arrange an official opening and fund raiser hopefully on the field..

A leaflet drop showing what we have achieved so far and what we are planning in the next phase. Gina has a contact who will help produce the leaflets and Liz from the village community fund has kindly agreed to provide funds for this.

Laura Crane suggested speaking to Liz and other community members to pass their funds to our committee.

We will look at the possibility of getting a notice board for the village.

Mike has spoken to Vicky Farey at Wheelock School and she has said they would love to be involved.

We are to discuss posters and raised beds which the children might become involved with.

It was also thought we could speak to the allotment society for advise and help with the raised beds.

A fund raising sub committee was suggested to send letters, e mails and contact local businesses.

Mike has spoken to Stuart from ANSA who is to have a meeting with the council to discuss the potholes in the road around the field.

It was also suggested that we contact Stuart McCauley from the pathways group for possible help.

Henshall Insurance and all local businesses to be contacted.

Trees and a garden of remembrance were also mentioned.

Becky and Kate both expressed a wish to help with any activities which we may arrange.

We will need to set a date for the next AGM and arrange to go to next year's town meeting.

12. Legalities with regard to e mails and the need to supply a policy statement were pointed out as the law changes on the 25th May. Mike will get together with Mark to discuss this further.

13. The next committee meeting is to be held on Thursday 19th April at the Barchetta.