

Friends of Ketley Paddock Mound  
Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 18 May 2016 7.00pm  
at Ketley Community Centre

Present: Maggie Evans (Chair), June Lamsdell, Fen Tyler, Ken Stowe, Peter and Chris Cotton, Mary Richards (Minutes)

Apologies: Wendy Stubbs, Martin Noble, Liz Young

Minutes of the Meeting on 16/3/16 were approved, proposed by KS, seconded by FT.

Matters arising would be covered by the current agenda.

Treasurer's Report

June reported that the sum of £370.79 still remained in the account. Nothing was owed to the Community Centre for room hire, as this is now to be taken out of the £8,000 the Parish Council have allotted to the Friends for the year. This sum must be spent by the end of the financial year (March 2017).

SLA - there can be no progress with this until a new Parish Clerk takes up their post. Suggested taking to Becky Eade about this matter. (Perhaps Wendy could contact her). Maggie can now represent the Friends at Quarterly meetings as the procedures at Parish Council have changed and will permit this.

Open Day - Fen sent the invitation letter to Anil. The Council will support the Day in principle but nothing has moved forward yet. The Meadows School have expressed interest in being involved but this now needs to be firmed up by talking to the school. Suggested date is a weekday in the week beginning 11 July. Questions to consider: How many children to involve, timings, can teachers help support activities e.g.. games, races,( on the 'ark' part of the Mound) nature trail etc.

Just provide cold drinks for the children - might need a gazebo - Apley have one which could be borrowed.

Once School is consulted, the Friends should have a planning meeting in June. Still try to combine the school activities with a Grand Opening involving Mr Upton, or do this at a different time, when more adults might be available.

The Community Centre would be a bad-weather alternative for the day, so would need to check availability and coordinate arrangements.

**PROJECTS**

1. Saint-Gobain

Ian from St-G approached the Friends about the offer of creating a metal screen to mark the position of the canal tunnel. A student from HLC will work with them on the design. There will probably be a cast iron arch, perhaps on brick supports, and maybe a laser-cut screen. Maggie and Fen showed the group their own design ideas. Pete has offered to draw one too. It was suggested a sub-group meet to draw up a final design

idea/brief before arranging to meet Ian.

It was thought that an interpretation board near the screen 'telling the story' of the canal/ironworking in Ketley/photos of the excavation/in-filling would be better than putting much text on to the screen itself. However St Gobain would probably want to be credited somewhere on there.

Fen will coordinate a sub-group meeting, hopefully before he goes away.

## 2) Veolia

We are awaiting the decision on the grant application for a dipping platform at the Round Pool. Would there also be money out of it to clear the pool? If not, June thought that some of the £8K might be used for this.

Ken mentioned the making of a wild flower meadow. He thinks that this will only be achieved if the whole section of the mound was scoured and start a meadow from scratch.

## 3) Timber Fitness Equipment

Fen showed pictures of Trim Trail equipment. General agreement that they looked acceptable. Streetscape would raise the funds themselves by applying to the Big Lottery for the project. We would need partners e.g.. Parish Council to prepare our side of a bid. Should be added to the agenda for the next PC meeting - request to be sent to the temp Clerk. Fen to talk to Adrian Corney.

## AOB

The picnic table that was 'stolen' was returned. Perhaps we should consider setting the table feet into ready-mix concrete, or some other preventative measure.

The Friends' AGM should be held in July. Wed 20 July is suggested.