



## FRIENDS OF FROXFIELD SCHOOL

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2020 7.30pm

### The Trooper Inn Minutes

**Present:** Shannon Askew, Jo Brown, Sarah Dunford, Helen Evison (notes), Heather Farrell, Louisa Feldon-Lawrence (Chair), Racquel Gould, Karly Middleton, Molly Macmillan, Rachel Nicholson and Laura Piper

The meeting opened at 7.40pm

#### Item

##### 1. Welcome, present, apologies

LFL welcomed all and explained that she would chair this meeting and Racquel the next. Apologies from Anna Boardman, Debbie Cook, Tasha Cunningham, Tanya Darlow, Gem Eagles, Emma Grocott, Yasmin Hodson, Sally Ismay, Christine Lydon, Becky Mossy, Gemma Spencer and Sharon Watson.

##### 2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting 16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were agreed.

##### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

- Lou confirmed that distribution of the minutes by the Chair via the Office was working.
- Lou had met with Mrs Farrow to identify the schools 'wish list'.

The main item was refurbishment of the toilets in the main school building; this was felt to be a worthwhile project however, before FOFS committed to this, the school were going to try to get funding from HCC. Also requested was a world map to be painted on the playground.

Lou had met with the School Council; they wanted bikes but this was impractical. Other suggestions were installation of Astroturf in place of the grass behind climbing frame and a 'bouldering' wall (low level climbing wall). The consensus was that Astroturf would benefit the children by increasing the area available for play when the grass was not usable.

***Karly suggested applying for a grant from the Newby Trust and agreed to investigate this and, possibly, Love's Charity.***

Lou asked the School Council about ideas for fundraising. Cake sales were evidently very popular. It was suggested that each class might organise one each year, so 7 over the school year.

- There was no FOFS-wide WhatsApp group and it was felt that this would be too big; a group per year group was felt to be more practical with another group for the class reps.
- It was agreed to discuss the Barn Dance at the next meeting
- There had been 2 Film Friday's last term. It was agreed to plan for one each half term, the next one to be at the end of February. If this was to be 'Frozen II' the other film this term needed to be more appealing to the boys. Ideally there were 6 helpers at a film with at least 2 being DBS checked. Several FOFS members were DBS checked but did they need DBS clearance arranged via the school? ***It was agreed that Lou would ask Mrs Farrow whether there was a requirement for school-specific DBSs.***
- Jo highlighted that there was a village disco on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Feb which everyone might like to attend.

##### 4. Constitution

It was agreed to adopt the Parentkind model Constitution. This was signed by the Chair. It was agreed that the original would be filed in the FOFS draw at school.

## 5. Treasurer's Update

	£	£
<b><u>Total at bank:</u></b>	<b>6285.71</b>	
<b><u>Total Income (Autumn 2):</u></b>	<b>2243.50</b>	
Donations	50.00	
Cake sale	176.00	
Film Fridays	282.50	
Christmas fair	1507.00	Nearly 70% of income
Nativity refreshments	47.00	
Tea towels	181.00	
<b><u>Total Expenditure (Autumn 2):</u></b>	<b>110.00</b>	
Parentkind membership		110.00 Increased due to increased student numbers

## 6. Forthcoming Events

### Summer Fair/Picnic/Arts Festival/Concert

There was much discussion regarding whether to have one or two events and what the scope of each should be. The consensus was to have two events, an arts event and an end of term picnic event.

It was proposed that an end of year picnic be held on the last Friday of term, July 17<sup>th</sup>, rather than on the actual last day. The plan was to keep this simple with just pony rides, a raffle or tombola, ice-cream and cake. **Laura and Raquel offered to help but not to lead. Lou would check the date with Mrs Farrow.**

**It was agreed that Lou would check with Amanda Ammar about plans for a concert in the summer term and with Mrs Farrow about broadening the scope** to include art and drama as well as music. Ideally this would be on a Friday, rather than a Sunday. **Sarah, Laura and Lou volunteered to help with this event.**

### Sponsored walk

There was discussion regarding the route and whether to allow dogs. It was agreed that dogs could join the walk only if they were on the lead. It was suggested that there might be two starting times, one for people with dogs and the other for families without dogs. **It was agreed that Molly would identify a date with Debbie.**

### Disco

It was agreed to hold a disco and proposed that there be two discos, one for KS1 and the other for KS2, both held at the same time but in different rooms. **It was agreed that Karly would investigate the availability of 'silent disco' equipment for KS2.** It was felt that the little ones needed a more traditional and organised approach, e.g. musical statues and other games.

### Film Fridays

See item 3.

### Annual Plan

It was felt that it would be useful to have an annual plan of events. **Louisa agreed to draw one up for 20/21.**

## 7. AOB

### Car Park

Lou explained that Mrs Farrow had gone to the Village Hall Committee meeting and that they had requested that representative of FOFS join the meeting. The Village Hall Committee had also requested that the school pay £500 p.a. toward maintenance of the car park.

Q: Was this £500 in addition to the £2,000 already earmarked for the Village Hall and Church?

A: Lou explained that £2,000 had been earmarked for the Village Hall and Church but nothing had yet been donated as there were no specific plans; nothing would be donated until proper plans were agreed.

There were inconclusive discussions regarding whether parents might be asked for donations and/or FOFS might contribute the £500/donate any balance not met by donations.

### Egg Hatching

Laura recounted the challenges of last year's egg hatching project. ***It was agreed that Sarah and Rachel would investigate options for eggs etc this year.***

### Outdoor Learning Day

It was proposed and agreed that FOF would fund the 'Outdoor Learning' day.

### Donations & Grants

Q: Would it be possible to add a 'donate for another child' option in to SCOPAY so that those who were willing to contribute more could help fund the costs of visit and activities for others?

Lou explained that people could make donations by direct debit. Bank details would be given on the FOFS section of the School Newsletter.

Jo advised that Emma Grocott had a contact at Tescos, a possible contact for grants. The local councillor, Nick Drew, may also be able to offer a grant.

### Joint event with West Meon PTA

Lou explained that the Chair of West Meon Primary PTA had been trying to get touch with her about a joint event and asked whether FOFS members thought that a joint event might be nice. It was concluded that there was support, in principle, for a joint event. ***Lou to investigate further.***

## 8. Next meeting

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm