



Friends of Honley Library

Minutes of meeting on Monday 1st February 2016

Present: Joe Hodgson (Chair); Caroline Page; Margaret Waterworth; Nita Steel; Jenny Bagworth; Linda Sharpe; Jenny Lockwood; Anne Broadbent; Stephen Dufton; Maureen Allen; Liz Colquhoun; Cllr. Charles Greaves;

1. **Apologies:** Pat Thompson

2. **Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising:**

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Update re. Gutters -

Mark has been in touch with PRP who came out on 17th November 2015 to assess what work needed doing and to take photos. Mark has received the quote and to replace the gutters and repair the soffit would be £5771. The decision on whether to continue rests with PRP whose management will prioritise where money is spent. CP will follow up through Mark.

Class Visits - These are going well although three a week are a bit excessive.

FOHL Leaflet/Bookmark –

These need to be distributed and it was agreed to hand them out on Sat am 5th March. JH and LS to do this

Other distributions St Mary's Church JL

Hinchliffes, Trinity Church, Brockholes Post Office CP

Hope Bank MW

FOHL Bags The bags are popular.

Photo Protocol Photo restrictions only apply to children. At events tell people where photos will be put and ask them to move if they don't want their photo taken. JH will get a form of words together to read out at the beginning of events.

Book Sale This had been an excellent event. Many thanks to Jenny L for all her hard work in organising the event and doing a lot of the work the day before. The church are happy to have us and asked if we would make this an annual event. They would store the books for us and we could have a bring and buy sale in a separate room with refreshments and charge an entrance fee. JL felt certain that the reason for the success was in part due to the quality of the books and the fact that people could browse through the books in the warm. This meant it had been more successful than it would have been at The Street Market. We raised £183.20 before expenses including an anonymous donation of £20 by a member of the church to

cover the cost of hiring the room. JL is prepared to organise another book sale in October and we will put the word out for people to save books.

Events AB advised that some of the original events team had met and discussed a plan for the coming year. AB is happy to organise a readaround every three months but going back to the original format of just a readaround without guest speakers, musical interludes etc. There would be no charge and no tickets but we would still supply tea, coffee and cake. There would be a raffle and a donation box on the refreshment table. If anyone wants to take on additional events then they could take responsibility for organising them and FOHL would help them.

The readaround has been suggested as being held on Tuesday 12th April which would be after Easter and the theme would be Spring.

LS advised that she and JB were planning to organise a coffee morning on Sat 23rd April for the Mayor's charity Diabetes UK. LS will email Mark to this effect.

Plans for the library Those present were advised of the meeting with Salma Dad and Mark Redman on 15.1.16 and the results were discussed particularly the proposed Saturday opening with volunteers only.

There has been an article in the Examiner that states a deficit of £84,000,000. CG said that a lot of this was old news. He also said that they had looked at the budgets again and offered £120,000 to pay for an additional 5 hours per week to village libraries but this had been met with a negative response. The key provision to keep libraries open was to have volunteers and some libraries do not have them at the moment. This may make our position stronger. JL had suggested that alternate Saturdays and Wednesdays had a member of staff on duty and raised concerns that if the library did not open on Saturdays issues would fall and have a negative impact. Saturday is one of the busiest days. CP said that if we are not happy with the hours that have been proposed we should contact Mark.

A discussion followed as to whether volunteers should also be FOHL or kept as separate groups and there were differing points of view. We do not know how the volunteers feel about working without a member of staff. Mark has emailed volunteers about this. It was suggested that if we didn't combine the groups for any reason that there should be someone to liaise between the groups.

CG made a suggestion that we run an event when the library was closed and then it was put forward that we have the school visits when the library was closed and this could be operated by volunteers and the library closed to the public. This would also be of benefit to members of the public who came to use the computers and obviously were not so happy when a large number of children arrived.

CG also asked if we had asked if we fundraised could we buy hours of staffing. He has asked the question and received a mixed response. CG could get £5000 if agreement was reached so we wouldn't actually have to fundraise. A few members expressed concerns about fundraising for staffing.

Concerns were also raised that a reduction of hours would lead to a reduction in issues.

JH and AB had to leave at 7.20 and so the remaining items were discussed quickly

Treasurers Report

Money in bank (YBS)	509.20.
Petty Cash	68.85.

