



**FRIENDS OF BINFIELD SCHOOL**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1079512**  
**MINUTES OF FOBS MEETING HELD BY WEBEX- TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2020**

**PRESENT**

Hayley Hammond  
Joanne Maher  
Martyna Pitkowska  
Sophie George

Claire Turner  
Purveen Hira  
Tracy McBeth  
Taiyibha Ahmed

Deborah Conneely  
Kate Hayes  
Tania Chizlett

**APOLOGIES**

Jackie Rawes

Martin Alway

**MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETING (November 2020)**

Minutes were reviewed and accepted as a true representation of proceedings.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Miss George shared continued thanks from the school for FOBS support during these challenging times.

The school are looking forward to receiving the books ordered with the proceeds of the Usborne book fair and they have also recently placed a large order for additional curriculum books due to a special offer available however they would also like to increase the range of free reader books available to year 5 and 6 which is not covered by the existing school book budget and £550 is requested to cover this order.

The children have chosen a tyre wall for section 10 on the new adventure trail and this has now been ordered for installation during the Easter holidays?

## TREASURERS REPORT

Bank balance	14/12/2020	<b>£12,362.92</b>
Stripe account		£0.00
Petty cash		£20.00
<b>Available funds</b>		<b>£12,382.92</b>

		<b>Agreed spend</b>	<b>Spent to date</b>	<b>Left to spend</b>
<b>Commitments</b>	Xmas Week	£950.00	£808.92	£141.08 re-leased
	Teachers Floats	£1,600.00	£204.27	£1,395.73
	Enrichment Week Spring Term	£950.00		£950.00
	Sports Week Summer Term	£950.00		£950.00
	Contribution to Year 6 leavers	£300.00		£300.00
	<b>Agreed 2019/2020</b>	Shed	£2,500.00	£2,228.43
	Panto	£200.00		£200.00
	New adventure playground	£5,000.00		£5,000.00
	<b>Committed to Date</b>	<b>£12,450.00</b>	<b>£3,241.62</b>	<b>£9,067.30</b>
<b>Available</b>		<b>£3,315.62</b>		

<b>Income since last meeting</b>	
Clothes collection	£307.20
Parental donations	£100.00
2nd hand uniform	£9.00
Christmas jumper sales	£28.00
Virtual Christmas events	TBC
<b>Total</b>	<b>£444.20</b>

Claire has submitted an application for a Parish Council grant towards the new adventure trail, decision is expected mid January 2021.

## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

### Adventure Trail

Costs for tree and existing equipment removal need to be confirmed. **Action :** Jo to check costs with school.

School are interested in using the opportunity to get the new equipment treated with anti-bacterial / anti-viral coating however ongoing costs need to be confirmed as coating only lasts for 3 months. The company have confirmed the initial application will be free if photographs can be taken for promotional use. **Action:** Jo to discuss use of existing field adventure trail with school as committee were concerned it is not being utilised fully (within COVID guidelines) and Jo to confirm ongoing surface treatment costs.

### Virtual Christmas

Jo passed on her thanks to everyone involved and special thanks to Kate & Debs for their constant website support. **Action :** Jo to organise feedback survey.

### Books Update

As mentioned in the Presidents report, school have recently placed a large order for curriculum books however additional free reader resources are needed. School have asked for £550 however the committee unanimously agreed to provide funding up to £1000.

## **Skills sheet**

Jo has seen this from other schools and it's a good way of getting targeted help. Needs to have particular skills on the list which will then be circulated to parents. – **on-going**

## **2021 Fund raising ideas**

Jo asked the committee to think outside the box for future fundraising ideas and come to the January meeting with any potential options.

1. Virtual Quiz – Kate to check quiz master contact details with Jackie
2. CO-OP membership – Tracy suggested FOBS look into this as a local school recently raised over £5000. The CO-OP scheme will be open to new applications in Spring 2021
3. Waitrose Token Scheme – to be applied for in 2021 – who?
4. Bag2School – another collection date will be booked for after February half term
5. Wine tasting event with food pairing / nibbles – tbc
6. Fund matching – General plea to be included in next FOBS newsletter and Jo also plans to contact specific parents
7. Small change donation boxes – it was suggested we could place these in local businesses. Secure donation boxes would be needed, (£4.50 each on eBay)
8. Easter Events – depends on if the Binfield Egg Hunt will be going ahead
9. Sponsored events – a sponsored read could be run in conjunction with World Book Day (4<sup>th</sup> March). Also Usborne have suggested a STOP, DROP, READ event. We could also organise a sponsored distance event in July.
10. Tania to look into international awareness days for other event opportunities.
11. Ink cartridge recycling - tbc

## **CORRESPONDENCE** - none

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - none

BOLE tidy up is still needed. **Action:** Jo / Kate? To speak to Jackie about planning a February half term tidy up.

Debs raised that FOBS committee photos on PTA events need updating to reflect current committee as at the AGM. **Action:** Debs to add the missing names and notify Hayley who will then email the members to ask for photos to be uploaded.

## **EVENT DATES**

Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> January 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting via Webex
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2021	- Binfield 10K
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	- Summer fete (provisional)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, 8pm	- AGM

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 8.00pm via webex. All are very welcome.