

Friends of Langley Moor

Minutes of meeting held at 19:00 on 27th July 2023

Present: Danny Bone - Lifetime President (DB), John Chapman - Interim Chairman (JC), Morganne Yates - Secretary (MY), John Turnbull (JT), Priscilla Elmer (PE), Hilton Luke (HL), Michelle Luke (ML2)

Apologies: Frank Bonner (FB), Morgan Davies (MD), Paul Taylor (PT), Mike Leonard (ML), Jonathan Elmer (JE)

Minutes of last meeting: Moved correct by JT and seconded by PE

Domestic Bliss:

- A new planning application has been submitted and as a result, MY is to send a letter on behalf of FOLM to Durham County Council to support the application

Boyne Place Notice Board:

- DB checked out the current board and reported that it was falling apart
- MY to contact Julie Anson for the architect plans so we can move forward with planning applications
- JC to contact Brandon and Byshottles Parish Council's Clerk to help aid with moving forward

Post Box/Post Office:

- JC to check pick up times and post his findings on Facebook
- PT reported that Durham County Council has contacted the owner to improve the front of the building and that a Section 215 Order will be served unless action is taken

Christmas Tree:

- JC has a meeting with SAG 31st July, the aim of which is to put forward a strong case that the site is entirely suitable
- JE has funds set aside to buy new lights
- DB has suggested a FOLM hedge trimming to help sort the Christmas tree area out. We will need council permission to cut the trees

Lord Boyne Hotel mural:

- JC reported that the landlord has agreed in principle to the mural (depending on its content); the Tudhoe artist Lewis Hobson has agreed to paint the mural (he painted the LM Primary School anti-litter mural); that the vast majority of local residents contacted by JC agree with the idea of a mural, with a majority favouring a countryside theme rather than a mining theme; that many local residents wish to attend a public meeting to discuss the theme of the mural with all concerned; PT reported that the Durham CC are non-committal to the idea of a mural.
- Members present unanimously agreed that the next FOLM meeting (21st September 2023) will discuss the mural

Summer Walk:

- JC has organised the walk to take place on Saturday 19th August at 10:00, beginning at the Daisy Mill Cafe
- All members have been urged to publicise the event as and when they can to try and attract new members
- JC to contact the Man Club to invite them along

Other Business:

- Countryside Rangers Service: PT reported that Ross Carrick (Senior Parks and Countryside Ranger) was unable to attend this meeting; agreed that he should be invited to the 5th October meeting
- Speed Signage: PT reported that new signs have been installed on the A690 (Grove Terrace), Brandon Lane and Browney Lane
- Fly Tipping: PT reported fly-tipping of asbestos sheets in a Durham County Council owned field off of Brandon Lane. The Council has been informed.
- Langley Hall planning application: PT reported that an application has been submitted for the replacement of a garage-workshop by a dwelling house. **Agreed** that MY should convey FOLM's support for this application to Durham CC
- Flower Planter, near railway bridge: agreed that FOLM would take over responsibility for the planter from Mark Richardson, who is suffering from ill health; JC should use the Land Registry through JE to identify the land owner and proceed thereafter
- Roman Road information board, Woodridge estate: JC reported that a high proportion of residents approved of the production of an information board explaining about their local road
- Swamp near River Browney: DB and PE identified an area between Mill Lane and the Browney as neglected and consequently seriously marshy- agreed that PE would investigate

Date of next meeting: 21st September at 19:00