



Friends of Honley Library

Minutes of meeting on Monday 4th April 2016

Present: Joe Hodgson (Chair); Caroline Page; Margaret Waterworth; Nita Steel; Jenny Bagworth; Linda Sharpe; Jenny Lockwood; Pat Colling; Stephen Duffton; Parish Cllr Stephen Baggott; Pat Thompson (minutes)

Apologies: Cllr. Charles Greaves; Anne Broadbent;

1. Minutes of Last Meeting and Matters Arising:

The minutes of the last meeting were agreed and signed.

Update re. Gutters – As Mark will be leaving shortly, Caroline decided to email him to see if there was any progress with this work. Following a meeting with PRP on 24th March, Mark was informed that the much needed work on the eaves, spouts and fascias has been approved and he will inform Caroline when the work is due to start.

Changes to Opening Hours – Neelam Randhawa will take over the Manager's role for Honley and it will be her responsibility to advertise the changes. However, Neelam is on compassionate leave at present and Louise does not know when she will return to work. After some discussion, it was agreed that we will put a warning of future changes to the opening hours in the Honley Flyer but that we should wait until we are told the date of the changes, before putting them on the website, Facebook etc. and distributing posters around the village.

Library Costings – Joe spoke to Mark about the number of Library members at Honley and running costs. In 2014, there were 588 adult members and 422 children, which is roughly about 1/6 of the population of Honley. Running costs, excluding staffing, are around £2000 per annum. New, up to date figures, will be available in April/May, so Joe will ask Salma for more accurate figures later this year.

2. Events

Plans for the next Poetry Readaround, "Spring Into Poetry 2016", which is on Tuesday 12th April from 7.15 to 9 p.m. are all in place. Pat T will open the library at 6.15pm to set up.

Linda and Jenny B. have produced the posters for the Coffee Morning in aid of the Mayor's Charity 'Diabetes UK' on Saturday 23rd April. Linda has submitted the online form to invite the Mayor to the event. If you are able to help at the event, please arrive at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. Cakes etc. may be dropped off at the Library on Friday 22nd. Caroline will bring books left over from the book sale in January. Anyone wishing to donate books for future events can ring Jenny Lockwood on 01484 666827.

It was agreed not to take part in the Honley Feast Event, to be organised by the Honley Business Association in September, due to the high cost of stalls.

The Evening Book Group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month.

3. Treasurers report

Joe reported that there has been no change in our funds since last month. We have a total of £593.05. This consists of money in YBS and in petty cash.

Joe will prepare a more detailed account for the AGM.

4. Website Group

With a bit of help from Steve, Pat is now able to put the minutes and agenda on to the website in the PDF format. It is actually much quicker to do it in this format and looks more professional.

Steve is still working on obtaining useful and clear reports regarding activity on our website.

Linda has clarified with Jon that the website and Domain name are paid for up until June 2017. We will need to contact Jon when the next payment becomes due.

We discussed the possibility of putting a book review page on to the website but this would incur a cost as Jon would need to set the page up for us. Steve and Linda said that they will do a bit of research into what we would need for this facility.

5. Library Volunteers

Caroline met with Carrie to do the second part of the questionnaire for volunteers and discussed the benefits of volunteers working together with FOHL. Carrie said that she would like to attend our meetings but was unable to come tonight. Pat T will send an invitation to Carrie to attend the AGM on 6th June.

The next volunteer meeting, which are held bi-monthly, is on 26th April and working together with FOHL is on the agenda.

It was suggested that we should arrange a social get together for FOHL and Volunteers.

6. AOB

Readers Groups – Library staff will no longer be available to deal with Readers Groups after September. Kirklees would like volunteers to deliver this service in the future. There are two meetings arranged at Red Doles Lane to discuss this; on Tuesday 19th April 6.00-8.00pm and Wednesday 20th April 2.00-4.00pm. Joe said that he would attend one of the meetings for further information.

‘A Better Honley’ Award - Caroline has been informed by the Chairman of Honley Civic Society that Friends of Honley Library have been nominated for ‘A Better

Honley' Award by Honley Civic Society. Since then we have been notified that the presentation will be on 12th May.

Kirklees 'Friends of Libraries' Event – Joe gave some feedback from the event, which he attended with Jean Kent. He said that there was some input from Salma re the future plans e.g. reductions in opening hours. Salma said that, at the 22 libraries, there are now 18 'Friends' groups operating. Marsden has recently set up a group and Joe said that the representatives were very enthusiastic.

Flower Tubs – Margaret has spoken to Carole Ripley, who told her that there is some doubt about whether the village will take part in Honley in Bloom this year because of the financial deficit of £4000 last year. Stephen Baggott said that Honley Business Association had paid this sum and is getting together with the Honley Village Trust to try to keep it going. They have a meeting on 12th April, which Stephen will attend and feed back any decisions.

Caroline will speak to the lady at 'Zebra' and ask if it would be appropriate for someone from FOHL to attend HBA meetings. If so, she will give Pat T's email address for contact details.

Next Meeting – It was agreed that, due to the Bank Holiday, we will not hold a meeting in May and hold the AGM in June. We will arrange a special meeting if we get notification of a date for the reduction in opening hours, in order to discuss publicity for this.

There was no further items brought forward for discussion and the meeting was closed at 7.15pm

Date of next meeting: AGM on Monday 6th June 2016 at 6.00pm