**AGENDA**

**MEETING AND AGM FRIENDS OF SCHOLES PARK**

**4th Dec 7pm**

Venue: GATLEY ELM ROAD URC CHURCH HALLS

1. **Welcome and Introductions**
2. **Actions from Last Meeting**
3. **Accounts**
4. **Updates on work carried out in the park**
	* Bulb planting day 30/11/19
	* New seating in play area installed 27/11/19
	* New path to Gatley Primary including to running track complete approx. 18/11/19
5. **New Play Equipment in Play Area**
	* Application made to Manchester Airport Community Fund for Seesaw in play area
	* Also plan to make an application to Shires Community Fund for £1000 as recommended by our Councillors
	* Opportunity to apply for Government Pocket Parks Fund for funding up to £25,000. Agreed with council to apply for play equipment, a toddler climbing frame boat unit. BH and JO met with Jacky Budd and Richard Booker on 27/11/19 to discuss. Tight deadline with applications in by 31/12/19.

Notes on the application:

* For sustainable delivery we need to demonstrate one or more of the listed commitments which includes a robust maintenance and sustainability plan (the council can provide this for the park), green flag community award (FOSP can apply for this), register as an asset of community value (FOSP can apply for this), links with local friends of parks forum (FOSP can demonstrate this).
* Match funding. It is encouraged that match funding is obtained and a minimum of 30% is expected. This may limit the amount of grant we can apply for. The council may be able to contribute in next year’s budget. We may be able to count the funds we have raised and spend this year on improvements to the play area/ community garden area.
	1. **RB to send quotes for play equipment and photo of boat unit and measure up for space**
	2. **RB to provide info to demonstrate the parks maintenance and sustainability plan**
	3. **BH and JO to look into applying for green flag community award and registering as an asset of community value.**
	4. **JO to email Rowlinson on the cost of building and installing the planters to potentially include in match funding**
	5. **JO to email funders with questions on what we can count as match funding**
1. **Running Track improvements.**
* Gatley Primary School have agreed to contribute to cost
* Friends of Lum Head Primary group have agreed to participate in some fund raising e.g. a bag pack at a local supermarket. They have said they would use the track for running club training.
* Any feedback from Kingsway School?
* Discussed with council at meeting 27/11/19. Jacky Budd and Richard Booker said they would need to get advice from Jane Bardsley and the council estates team. They also need to check what is the Playing Pitch Strategy is next year. We will not have a clear approach in time for the Pockets Park funding deadline, so it was agreed to not use this project for the Pocket Parks funding. Jacky Budd said we would need to be careful of conflict with the football pitch use. We await feedback from council on whether they will approve the plans and support funding applications, also on whether the council can contribute
* The council said that it may not be possible refurbish the running park through funding from Gatley Primary alone as this would require a lease arrangement.
	1. **JB and RB to feedback on an approach for the running track refurbishment after speaking to Jane Bardsley and the Estates Team and checking the Playing Pitch Strategy for next year.**
	2. **JO to send across quote we have for work to Council. Complete.**
1. **Archaeology Society Plans**

BH and JO attended meeting with the group 20/11/19 and FOSP happy to be involved in open day. Archaeology Society have offered to include a history trail in their bid which would consist of small signs in places of interest and leaflets. JB explained we need to be careful about where we install the signs. They can’t be in the grass as you can’t cut the grass around them.

* 1. **BH and JO to run any plans for history trial past the council.**
1. Other Plans and Funding

Community garden sign. £2100 including install - Stockport Hydro application and other funding required. Will run applications past council

1. Gatley sports day – FOSP trail race or orienteering
2. Website
3. AGM nominations and votes for members to the committee:
	* Chair
	* Secretary
	* Treasurer
	* Website and social media coordinator
	* Any other positions to suggest?
4. Any Other Business
	* Next FOSP meeting