



**FRIENDS OF BINFIELD SCHOOL**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1079512**  
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – THURSDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2022**

**PRESENT**

Kerry Mistry	Kate Hayes	Purveen Hira
Debs Conneely	Hayley Hammond	Jo Maher
Claire Turner	Naomi Winmill	Lorraine Parker
Martyna Goncalves	Victoria Lunn	Briarley Jenvey
Nick Foster	Jess Simpson	Rachel Parker
Ali Melabie	Karen Hardy	Jackie Kelley
Stanford Chinhakwe	Charlotte Light	

**APOLOGIES**

Suzie Featherstone-Wright	Tania Chizlett	Lisa Collins
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**MINUTES OF THE LAST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Well it has turned out to be another very extraordinary year! Despite the determination of Covid to cause more disruption, we have at least had a return to more normality and it has been lovely to see the 'joy' back at so many events. We are especially grateful for FOBS stepping up to make these events that bit more special (for example the Christmas events and ensuring that Father Christmas came to visit, New Parents evening, Enrichment weeks, sports day lollies, year 6 BBQ).

FOBS wouldn't happen without someone taking the lead, and I want to say a huge thank you to Jo for chairing FOBS again, over this last year; to all of the committee members for continuing to organize virtual and face to face events and managing fund raising ideas and to all FOBS members who have contributed to these throughout the year. The effort and hard work is really appreciated by the whole school community and this is giving the children so many extra resources and experiences that they would not otherwise have. The Circus was a much welcomed addition to the school calendar and seemed to be very popular too.

Despite the challenges this year, FOBS have continued to support us in so many ways e.g.

- Class budgets so teachers can buy specific things their class would benefit from
- Lots of new reading books (which are making a huge difference in supporting children to recover lost learning) – both in terms of scheme books for learning to read, but also a range of diverse books for our class bookshelves
- Continuing to keep the BOLE going (and investing in a new canopy which is on order)
- Father Christmas also managed to make a socially distanced appearance in December and the class presents were very much appreciated
- Year 6 are also looking forward to a special end of year leavers celebration too

We also have a swimming pool coming to school in September (so that we can enhance swimming and water safety for all pupils) and this is going to benefit so many of our children and you've committed to buying some Chromebooks too which will help all pupils learn.

So as we formally end this year, it is worth reflecting on the joint efforts of everyone at Binfield who are contributing to the education and well-being of the children, despite the huge disruption of the last 2.5 years. It is a true collaborative effort and we are so lucky to have such a great team of people. We have just had the first formal tests in 2 years and our schools results are very strong across the board from Reception to Year 6 – well above local and national levels. This is testament to the great partnership between home and school and also the ongoing support from FOBS. We are still recovering from Covid and we haven't recovered all the lost learning yet, but we are well on our way to do this for all children. So thank you – we couldn't do it without you!

As we move forwards, we are hoping to make the 'Pool to school' and annual fixture as supporting all children to be water confident. Being able to swim is an important life skill and we will also be continuing to invest in technology (as this is the future for our youngsters and there is a huge opportunity to enhance learning further). We would welcome FOBS ongoing support with fundraising for these big projects as we are not able to do these without additional fundraising and they are extremely costly.

We are so lucky that our FOBS team put on all these added extras for our children in order to ensure all children have the very best experiences in their primary years.

So many thanks once again to all of you, for all that you do.

Suzie Featherstone Wright : Headteacher

## **CHAIR REPORT**

We have finally had a normal end to a school year!

This year has been different again from last year, but we have still shown that the FOBS committee and whole school community can overcome anything! Including Covid!

I must start by saying a heartfelt thank you to all the staff at the school - from the teachers and TA's to the office and lunch staff. You have continued to put the children, their well-being and their education first. Thank you for putting in the long hours, for listening to stressed parents and for being there for our little ones. Your summer holiday is very much deserved!

Thank you to the parents, carers and children for supporting FOBS throughout the year, coming to our fund-raising events and making it fun again!

This year, FOBS still had to adapt under uncertain circumstances at the beginning of the academic year. Still running virtual events for more than half of the year, we were delighted to be able to finish the year on a high by seeing parents and children having fun in person!

The FOBS team have been so strong this year, building on the foundations we made the year before. We were still determined to try new events, be more present in the playground and get our message out! And I think it worked quite well.

Our fundraiser events started in September 2021 virtually and then as time went on and restrictions eased, we have been able to celebrate having in-person events again! We held Virtual Balloon Races and a Quiz Night, sold spring planters, pizza kits and jubilee tea towels. Our "free money" fundraisers, as I like to call them, drip fed money into our account regularly over the course of the year and really do add up. These included AmazonSmile, Easy Fundraising, BFC Lottery, Ascot Racecourse, our donation pots in locations around the village and of course - our extremely popular Bag2School collections.

We were also included in local events this year like the Binfield Parish Jubilee Celebrations and Party Bye the Pitch - all of which was a teaser for what was to come.

And then the Sports Days which just topped off a lovely way to finally see EVERYONE!

We had three major fundraising events that surpassed all of our expectations! Firstly, Christmas:

Again because of covid, we were unable to hold a full Christmas Bazaar, but as the rules weren't as strict as the year before, we were able to hold a hybrid event of sorts. We were also blessed that our VIP visitor returned and this time was able to meet some lucky children, as well as do a tour of the village - this time on a trailer surrounded by elves.

We were very grateful for being able to host the Binfield Easter egg hunt in April. We were unsure if it would be as popular as we knew lots of people were able to go away with the covid restrictions easing, but we needn't have worried. It was just as popular and some of the creations were egg-cellent!

And then to our biggest risk - the circus. As FOBS members will know, we booked the circus in 2020! Yes they are booked up 2 years in advance! We chose the National Festival Circus on online reviews. We wanted to ease ourselves into a summer activity and to be honest, many prayers were said in hope that covid wouldn't interfere!

On circus day, we nervously awaited the first circus show to finish and to hear what people thought. Then to see those beaming faces and have fantastic reviews from the outset brought a tear to my eye. When I finally got to watch the last show, I understood why. It was wholesome, funny and most importantly family entertainment!

Alongside the circus, we held our Summer Raffle but brought back paper slips - which we worried might seem like going backwards, but it was our best raffle to date! I can't believe that I can announce that just these 2 fundraisers brought in £5,028.56 profit! I think Claire and Hayley almost fell off their chairs when they saw the figures! I know I did!

This couldn't have happened without the core team, general members or volunteers - I am so proud of the whole FOBS team! Because everyone gave a little of their time - either behind the scenes or on the day of an event - our events were successful. We put smiles on faces and raised just shy of £20,000 (sorry Claire). Money that will go directly to enhancing our children's time at Binfield.

If everyone does their little bit, it makes the workload easier and things run smoother. We know we are out of practice and it took a few braincells to remember what we needed for sports day refreshments, but we did it and I really want to thank you!

I want to personally thank the core FOBS committee members, who have put up with me and my scatty brain this year.

Hayley - you have continued to run virtual meetings alongside the in-person meetings with such efficiency. Thank you for being patient with me when I have forgotten to remember to sign off minutes. You are a quiet backbone to FOBS and we couldn't do it without you.

Claire - you are the numbers lady! Thank you for putting up with my rounding up of numbers to make them look pretty. Again, your behind the scenes work is not shouted about enough, but without you, there would be jars of pennies lying around.

Nick, Debs and Kate - The website work you have done over the year has been brilliant. It has meant that we have run both virtual and in-person events smoothly. We have thrown last minute changes and updates at you and even though there are day jobs and commitments, you have made time to do what needs to be done. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

We also have some parents who have come to the end of their Binfield career. Purveen Hira (and Ramesh), who has been a member of FOBS since forever! Her second child, Rueben is leaving year 6 in a few days time and she is officially standing down as a FOBS committee member. Thank you so much for hard work over the years, for helping on a whim with sheds, gazebos and sound systems. We have loved your Christmas Quizzes and the door will never be closed if you want to continue to do them. Thank you.

From the Core Committee, Debs has decided not to stand again for the vice web coordinator role. Thank you so much for everything you have done as a core member. Your advice, suggestions and behind the scenes work has not gone unnoticed. You silently get on with things that some of us haven't even thought of and we are forever grateful. Thank you.

And then Kate - my vice. I met Kate through FOBS and even though we were at meetings together, it wasn't until we partnered up for the Christmas Craft Stall in 2019, that we realised we were PTA soul mates. Thank you does not seem to articulate how grateful I am for your friendship, your advice, your support and your calming influence. You have been my sounding board, my right arm and at times my mind reader. I absolutely couldn't have done either of these years without you. Please enjoy your last year at Binfield. It will be a poorer place when you and Abi leave next year. But don't be a stranger - we always need volunteers. Thank you

Joanne Maher – FOBS Chairperson

## TREASURER'S REPORT

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2021/2022</b>	<b>2020/2021</b>	<b>2019/2020</b>
Summer text Raffle (2021)	£621.56		
Christmas (2021)	£4,004.50		
Virtual Balloon race	£94.96		
Quiz Night	£197.47		
Easter Egg Hunt (2022)	£3,030.34		
2nd hand Uniform Sales	£789.70		
Bags2School collection	£971.60		
Easy fundraising	£255.28		
Amazon Smile	£253.98		
BFC Lottery	£659.00		
BFC Lottery - ticket target bonus	£750.00		
BFC Recycling Scheme	£346.00		
Easy2Name	£1.99		
Ascot ticket sales commission	£27.00		
Spring planters	£240.05		
Jubilee Tea towels	£387.67		
Jubilee Tombola	£178.55		
Jubilee Coins	£473.20		
Collection boxes	£196.22		
Doughies commission	£78.00		
Summer raffle (2022)	£1,385.73		
Circus	£3,642.83		
PBTP glitter stall	£177.00		
Sports day refreshments	£270.54		
Donations	£540.11		
Miscellaneous	£95.00		
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£19,668.28</b>	<b>£15,719.28</b>	<b>£13,033.97</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Christmas week (2021)	£847.99		
Online Pantomime	£250.00		
Words, words, words Enrichment week (2022)	£414.58		
Sports week (2022)	£950.00		
Swimming Pool	£2,500.00		
Jubilee pins	£291.29		
Jubilee picnic	£189.17		
Jubilee coins	£442.56		
Year 6 play	£200.00		
Books	£1,501.81		
Teachers Floats	£1,539.54		
BOLE	£250.98		
Shed repairs/storage	£251.73		
Binfield Preschool contribution - Egg Hunt	£1,700.00		
Contribution to Year 6 leavers (forecasted)	£241.43		
Insurance	£128.00		
Raffle cash prizes	£500.00		
Miscellaneous	£25.50		
IT project	£5,000.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£17,224.58</b>	<b>£21,247.59</b>	<b>£19,795.90</b>

The 2021/2022 financial year accounts will be checked and verified by Sandra Douglas of SKD accounting.

## **ELECTION OF NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

<b>ROLE</b>	<b>NOMINATION</b>	<b>PROPOSER</b>	<b>SECONDER</b>
<b>Chair</b>	Jo Maher	Kate Hayes	Hayley Hammond
<b>Vice chair</b>	Vicky Lunn	Jo Maher	Jess Simpson
<b>Secretary</b>	Hayley Hammond	Claire Turner	Jo Maher
<b>Treasurer</b>	Claire Turner	Jo Maher	Hayley Hammond
<b>Vice treasurer</b>	Charlotte Light	Nick Foster	Claire Turner
<b>Website co-ordinator</b>	Nick Foster	Joanne Maher	Hayley Hammond
<b>Vice website co-ordinator</b>	Lorraine Parker	Jo Maher	Kate Hayes
<b>Marketing &amp; comms officer</b>	Jessica Simpson	Rachel Parker	Vicky Lunn
<b>sponsorship officer</b>	Tania Chizlett	Claire Turner	Kate Hayes

Claire to update the new committee members names with the Charities Commission.

### **General members**

All meeting attendees voted and agreed to become general members. It was agreed general members are entitled to a vote if they have been active members of FOBS. The Constitution defines what constitutes an 'active' member. It also defines the committee's ability to remove a general member in the future.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Shed & Gazebo maintenance
  - Need to check shed exterior annually for weatherproofing (painted in 2021)
  - Gazebo's need checking annually for repairs (last check May 2022)
- Summer working party
  - Wooden outdoor equipment / benches need painting
  - Date / time options currently available on PTA events
  - DBS badge will be needed for weekday slots as holiday club is running
  - Ali commented that the slot options available on PTA events need clarifying as currently state week commencing

## **PROPOSED EVENT DATES**

Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> September, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
September	- Christmas cards / products
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	- Christmas Bazaar?
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	- Binfield Believes?
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2023, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
February 2023	- Adults Quiz night
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2023, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
April 2023	- Binfield Egg Hunt
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2023, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2023, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> June 2023, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	- Summer Fete?
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2023, 8pm	- AGM

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th September at 8pm. All are very welcome.