



**FRIENDS OF BINFIELD SCHOOL**  
**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1079512**  
**MINUTES OF FOBS MEETING HELD BY WEBEX- TUESDAY 23RD MARCH 2021**

**1. PRESENT**

Hayley Hammond  
Kate Hayes  
Simone Tissot  
Tania Chizlett  
Nick Foster  
Lee-Anne Ashworth

Claire Turner  
Tracy McBeth  
Debs Conneely  
Julie Nixon  
Gemma Jones

Joanne Maher  
Hannah Ridnell  
Purveen Hira  
Briarley Jenvey  
Vicky Lunn

**2. APOLOGIES**

Emma Pike

**3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Miss Ridnell and Miss Tissot passed on thanks from the school for the contribution towards the new Trim Trail and confirmed it will be installed during the Easter holidays

Jo passed on continued thanks to staff on behalf of all parents for their dedication and hard work supporting children during the additional challenges since the UK first went into national lockdown on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020.

## 4. TREASURERS REPORT

### Treasurer's report

Bank balance	22/03/2021	<b>£11,766.02</b>
Stripe account		£0.00
Petty cash		£62.00
<b>Available funds</b>		<b>£11,828.02</b>

GoFundMe - currently  
£2540

	Agreed spend	Spent to date	Left to spend
<b>Commitments</b>			
Teachers Floats	£1,600.00	£264.93	£1,335.07
Sports Week Summer Term	£950.00		£950.00
Contribution to Year 6 leavers	£300.00		£300.00
New adventure playground	£5,000.00		£5,000.00
Funding help - families	£250.00		£250.00
<b>Committed to Date</b>	<b>£8,100.00</b>	<b>£264.93</b>	<b>£7,835.07</b>
<b>Available</b>	<b>£3,992.95</b>		

Income since last meeting	
2nd hand uniform	£123.50
BFC Lottery	£48.00
Quiz	£322.97
Text raffle	£193.80
<b>Total</b>	<b>£688.27</b>

1st payment

Spring enrichment fund has been added back into general funds.

Unfortunately our CIL grant application was unsuccessful due to the following reasons;

- (i) This project caters to a very specific group (primary school children) that is already well catered for by the parish.
- (ii) The project does not mitigate or support the impacts of development.
- (iii) Disappointed that the school itself was not contributing funding.
- (iv) Score below 50% of the total score available.

Although the CIL committee decision has now been made and will not be reversed, Jo / Claire will send a reply clarifying that the school is funding over half the  
Nick asked how we publicise the BFBC lottery as he was surprised this is not more popular. Jo advised this is advertised on our newsletter and through the usual communication channels.

Tania asked for clarification on what the sports week contribution is used for (generally it is used for additional sports / exercise training sessions and also for the sports day juice cartons).

## 5. ACTIONS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

### 5.1 Virtual Quiz

84 people attended and it was a great night with lots of positive feedback. Jo passed on thanks to Kate for organising the event and Andy for running the quiz. Kate passed on thanks to Jo for her support. Thanks were also given to Doorstep Bloomage, Ambers Brownies and the CO-OP for prize donations. Andy also confirmed that he will be happy to run next years' quiz - whether it be virtually or in the hall.

## 5.2 Trim Trail extra works

As we did not gain the CIL grant, the committee were asked to vote by email on running a Go FundMe page to cover the additional £2k needed for groundworks. 13 positive responses were received and we have had a fantastic response already and £2590 has been donated so far. The page will run until 2<sup>nd</sup> April and all funds donated will be used for the trail with the balance coming from the previously agreed £5k. Any remaining money will be added back into FOBS general fund. Claire is also setting up Gift aid on donations which will hopefully add 25% on top. Tracy asked about fees and Claire / Kate confirmed the fees are 1.9% + 0.20p per donation which is the lowest out of similar providers.

## 5.3 Usage levels of field adventure trail - completed

School have confirmed that the field adventure trail will be used during the summer term and will be disinfected after each bubble use.

## 5.4 Ongoing surface treatment (after initial free treatment) - completed

The surface coating will not be used due to ongoing cost and also school have now advised that equipment will be disinfected after each year group.

## 5.5 Virtual event feedback survey - completed

Will be sent out shortly to cover Quiz and Christmas – Jo to send out.

## 5.6 Easter holidays BOLE tidy up

BOLE has been well used by all year groups but currently awaiting permission from school. Volunteers needed to work in groups of 6 max to comply with COVID rules. DBS is not needed if work is carried out during holidays. Gemma advised her partner Behrouz may be available depending on timing. Please email [fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk) if you wish to volunteer.

## 5.7 Binfield Egg Hunt

Emma Pike is working on creating the school egg. Over 50 eggs have been registered, Waitrose will be printing 3000 maps for free (£3 sale price), advertising slots are available (email [fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk) for details although print deadline is imminent). No chocolate prizes will be given out due to COVID. Funds will be divided between FOBS and Binfield Pre School (split tbc). As the FB advert picture has been shared over 5000 times, Vicky shared concerns about off street car parking and asked anyone has any contact details for Newbold College. Purveen to email Vicky with contact number for Newbold.

## 5.8 Sponsored distance event

The egg hunt route is approx. 7km round trip and it has been suggested we run a sponsored cycle / walk / scooter alongside the egg hunt. It could be a distance event 5 or 10km or sponsor for each egg located. There are several options for online sponsorship including using the FOBS PTA event page. Kate and Claire to review online sponsor platforms.

The committee agreed to go ahead, we will ask school to engage children before they break up and Lee-Anne offered to help create a poster.

## 5.9 Online balloon race

Nick gave an overview of how Eco Racing run the event (7 day race on various dates in different locations using live weather conditions which is shared with other organisations / schools, £3 per balloon, provider takes 22.8%. Balloons can be decorated and it is considered a game of skill not gambling as you choose the size / shape / helium content of the balloon. Top 3 balloons are awarded prizes which are organised by Eco-racing (1<sup>st</sup> £500 cash, 2<sup>nd</sup> iPad, 3<sup>rd</sup> book tokens) but we can also add in our own prizes. Committee agreed we would look into joining the 2<sup>nd</sup> June race date. Nick will share full details with Claire & Jo and liaise on set up.

## 5.10 Skills sheet

Jo has made a video on current help needed (BOLE volunteers, shelf building in shed, graphic design / marketing) which will be shared on FB. Lee-Anne said she is happy to help with editing videos & creating posters.

**5.11 FOBS committee list on PTA events**

Emails have been sent out to all committee members asking for photos.

**5.12 CO-OP membership**

Tracy advised that scheme is still closed but she will keep checking.

**5.13 Small change donation boxes**

10 boxes with FOBS labels have arrived and will be distributed by Claire & Jo locally asap (before Egg hunt if possible). We will ask the following shops if they can host a box; CO-OP x 2, Binfield Village stores, Foxes Den (when fully open), Crema (when open), Fish & Chip shop, Barbers, Unique Hair, Bakery and Chinese. Any other suggestions are welcome. Thanks was passed on to Martin for the original idea.

**5.14 International awareness days**

Tania has looked up a number of awareness days so we can think about targeting fundraising / events around these dates e.g. Wimbledon, Fathers Day (beer & ale tasting), The Big Pedal. List to be shared by email / at next meeting.

**5.15 Ink cartridge recycling**

1 x box has been placed in main school reception but we need to publicise it on the school weekly update (Jo to ask PA) and FB year groups. Purveen to ask parish clerk if we can put a box in the parish office when it reopens & then we can publicise in the Binfield Beacon.

**5.16 Cooking event**

Awaiting feedback from Robyns Nest café. Claire suggested asking Jo Foster (Thyme In catering) if she would be interested. Jo to follow up with Jo Foster.

**5.17 Krispy Kreme doughnuts**

tbc post COVID restrictions

**5.18 Bag2School collection**

Provisional date has been booked for 20<sup>th</sup> May. Jo to get approval from Parish office.

**5.19 Wine tasting**

To be considered for summer virtual event

**5.20 Fund matching**

Keep publicising through usual channels

**5.21 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniform**

Current email request system is going well. Depending on Covid restrictions we may be able to run a table top sale during the summer term.

February 2021 minutes were approved as a true record by Debs, Kate and Claire.

**6. CHAIR REPORT**

**6.1 2021-2022 Financial commitments**

Jo explained that although we have just over £3,000 available, our annual commitments with the school usually amount to approximately £7k. This is the reason we set up a GoFundMe for the Trim Trail. With there being no summer fete this year, which would usually net £4,500, there is concern that we will not be able to meet these minimum commitments if we do not begin to retain sufficient funds to cover them. The funds that we raise between now and July will be used to hopefully tide us over until December and a possible Christmas Bazaar - if we are allowed to hold one.

## **6.2 2021 Fundraising ideas**

### **6.2.1 Class photos**

Jo suggested we provide class photos as a fundraising opportunity. Parents would take their own photos, upload to PTA events and order their copy online. Clare Radford is happy to help with layout. To start after Easter, 1 week per year as it will be a 7 week process.

### **6.2.2 Open Air Cinema**

Tbc after COVID restrictions have been removed. Volunteers welcomed to help organise

### **6.2.3 Virtual Summer event**

Any ideas / suggestions welcomed. Initial suggestions were online Bingo, magic show, raffle, auction, balloon /duck race, scavenger hunt / trail, quiz, BBQ / cocktail cookbook. Sub committee to be set up after Easter holidays. Please email [fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk](mailto:fobs@friendsofbinfieldschool.co.uk) if you would like to participate.

### **6.2.4 Sponsored distance event during sports week**

Ideas welcome and will be discussed after Easter event

## **7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Gift Aid – Claire confirmed she is in the process of registering FOBS for Gift Aid.
- Break the Rules day – Claire also suggested we look into this as a fund raising opportunity maybe during the virtual summer event or at the end of term? Jo to discuss with school.
- Purveen advised that Ramesh can assist with additional shed repairs.
- Purveen also suggested a sponsored movie marathon event where she will watch 26 movies titled A-Z over 3-4 days (maybe a bank holiday weekend) for sponsorship but she would like assistance with setting up the admin / promotion. She is happy for sponsors to suggest films.
- Tracy suggested we have an option for parents to make a general donation instead of the usual cake / tombola donation during the summer / Christmas events.
- Tania suggested people having a clear out could donate DVDs / CDs to FOBS for us to sell online. She will research the various sale platforms available.
- Gemma advised that she had missed the previous meetings as the reminders had gone straight into her junk email folder. She suggested we could advertise upcoming meetings on the year FB pages as a reminder.
- Vicky mentioned she is aware of a newcomer to the village who is not a parent but would like to get involved in events. Jo confirmed anyone is welcome to help support FOBS as we are Friends of Binfield School.

## **EVENT DATES**

Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting via Webex
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2021, 8pm	- FOBS meeting
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021, 8pm	- AGM

- 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8.00pm via webex. All are very welcome.**