Minutes of Meeting held: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018 Meeting began at: 1905 Present: Les Cromey, John Belbin, Jim Harrison, Jean Harrison, Gillian Laycock, Michelle Plimley, Tracey Bolton.

1. The Chairman welcomed those present and thanked them for their attendance;

Apologies: Sarah Cockburn-Price, Janice Crozier, Matthew Robinson, Jerry Stanford, Julie Hibbert.

- 2.1 Minutes of Last Meeting 14th November 2017 There were no corrections Approval moved John Belbin, Seconded Les Cromey Approved.
- 2.2 Entrance Improvements.

At the Winewall Road car park it had been noticed that the 'new' path alongside of the LBS fence was very muddy and needed some attention. Jean suggested that it should be topped up with gravel rather than the bark chippings used at present, as they just rot down into mud.

## 3. Reports

3.1 Park Maintenance

Following recent complaints a new litter bin has been ordered. The repairs/ modifications to the Top car park to prevent unauthorised access are still in hand.

Footpaths

The damaged duckboards on the footpath round the top lodge are becoming more dangerous a dog or child could easily break a leg repair/replacement is now more urgent.

Children's Play Area

Access to the slide in the playground for younger children was said to be difficult and dangerous as there are no steps or ladders to climb up to the top of the slide, access is by a climbing wall or a rope.

The picnic table in this area holds water making it unsuitable for use.

## 4. Financial Report.

Janice was not present at the meeting, Les said that as far as he knew there has been no further expenditure since the web site was set up.

5.	External Events	
	LNR Steering Group -	Nothing to report.
	Forum -	Nothing to report - the Forum may be
		discontinued.

## 6. Volunteer Activities.

6.1 Litter Picking: - This is ongoing and will continue. . Gillian reported that there was a trend for dog walkers to pick up after their dogs but then discard the bags anywhere rather than use the litter bins, on one occasion she actually collected 33 bags of dog poo.

6.2 Tree and Bulb Planting:-

John again pointed out that the bulbs should be a native variety and purchased from an 'approved' source.

6.3 The next Volunteer Morning will be - TBA - Due to ongoing changes in local authority responsibilities.

It was again asked why Volunteer Days are always on a Thursday when many potential volunteers are working? Why not weekends or evenings in summer? It was pointed out that the Parks Department do not usually work at weekends and if we made our own arrangements we would not be insured especially when using tools.

7. AoB

John mentioned that an application to build two houses in the park, near to the main road, had been made to Colne Council however this had been blocked by two conservative councillors. It is not clear if an appeal is to be lodged.

Tracey mentioned that she had put up direction signs to the Lakeside Café at her own expense with approval from Colne Council however Pendle Council had asked her to remove them.

Tracey asked what the Friends thought about organising regular Car Boot sales on the Top Car Park, she was prepared to organise traffic etc. and subsequent clean up afterwards. Any profits should be given to a suitable charity or used to fund Ball Grove maintenance projects. The general feeling was that we should have a trial period this was put to a vote and carried unanimously.

It was mentioned that a new circular 5 mile walk was to be set up starting and finishing at the Lakeside Café funded by Lidget Beyond and Colne Council.

Tickets are still available for the Mayors Ball on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2018.

The meeting ended at 20.05

The next FOBG meeting will be our AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 followed by an informal meeting.

Forum : ??

LNR Steering Group : 6<sup>th</sup> March 2018