

# Friends of Ball Grove

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Minutes of Meeting held:

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2018

Meeting began at: 1905

Present: Les Cromeey, 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 Cromeey 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.

