

FRIENDS OF DIPTFORD SCHOOL COMITTEE.

Notice of a meeting to be held at Church House Inn Rattery.

On

Wednesday 18th of May 2022 @ 19.30

Minutes.

1. Present:

Jo Palmer (Chair), Amy Lethbridge (Secretary), Kim Woodley.

2. Apologies:

Roger Knight (Treasurer), Elle Barnes (Deputy Chair), Jodie Talbot, Cheryl Mathieson, Claire Olsen, Lucy Carroll, Sophie Taylor.

3. Minutes from last meeting:

Checked and on Wordpress and the school website.

4. Chairs Report:

Firstly, a huge thank you to all of those who helped and supported the duck race. Thanks to Hawks class and parents for making the scones and serving refreshments. We raised an amazing amount of £738. Part of this will go towards paying for Hawks class swimming trip.

The tidy up day at the beginning of the month saw fewer participants but was once again a great success. With Elle taking the lead, we planted pumpkins, hydrangeas, built a water play feature for little dipper and weeded the tyres. The next tidy up day will be Saturday 11th June from 1pm, this is a change to normal due to the jubilee celebrations taking place.

We have many events coming up including the village fete, sports day BBQ, film day and of course Diptfest!

5. Treasurers Report:

Our cash at bank at 30 April 2021 amounted to £9190. Adjusting for known liabilities at that date (mostly for outstanding 100 club prizes), our funds amounted to approximately £8700.

Our funds comprise:

	GBP
Held re accelerated reader programme/phonics	147
Held for football goal(s)	101
Held for playground toys	350
Held or designated for canopy/outdoor seating area, less spent of 5170 (includes designated free funds of 2500)	1214
'Free funds'	7378
	9190

The budgeted cost of the play-school canopy was £5500 and I am unaware of further costs to come. On this basis, we will have approximately £1200 of previously designated funds available towards our current project,

the covered seating area on the Field to provide further outdoor teaching and rest space. Taken together our free funds at 30 April and this 'surplus' from the canopy fund amount to just less than £8600.

Subject to final due diligence on the selected supplier, an order is shortly to be placed for the outdoor seating area (at a cost which requires a small further contribution from free funds), and a number of orders have been placed for playground toys and for football goals. Once these two efforts are complete we will be able to assess reliably our financial position but I believe that, by historical levels, we will be well placed.

100 Club inflows are falling but remain strong (new members from the September intake of parents would be welcome). Our upcoming events, the Sports day BBQ and Diptfest were strong earners last year.

Potential uses of our funds are for discussion. Whilst it could be argued that we have an obligation to expend all of our funds for the benefit of the children at the school, I believe that we do need to retain a healthy balance of free funds, to cover unanticipated needs, and should remember that we contributed 2250 from free funds to the playground equipment fund and a further 2500 to the canopy fund over the past two years. I believe that after a busy two years it may be time to take stock and consider the School's and the children's needs in the light of the Trust's plans for the School following the storm damage

The above figures include the sales proceeds of ducks for the duck race received in advance of the event, amounting to £460 (184 ducks). Our takings on the day (derived from further sales of ducks, refreshments and the 'hook a duck' stall and co-mingled) amounted to £298 (£278 net of expenses). 202 ducks started the race implying that 18 ducks (£45) were sold on the day. The proceeds from the sale of refreshments were intended to be attributable to the Year 6 Leaver events, and I suggest that the entire proceeds from the day (£278) be so attributed.

6. Fundraising request from School:

Nothing new mentioned in email contact from Jodie, also the basketball nets which were mentioned in the last minutes have since been discussed with PE Lead Mr Tanner and he feels this isn't necessary.

7. Fundraising Ideas:

BBQ for sports day - we are lucky to have Louise Lethbridge supplying the food. We have asked for 80 Burgers 100 sausages, buns and tomato sauce. The Chudleigh family have kindly offered to help with the cooking and serving. There will be a selection of drinks available for a donation, Kim is going to purchase these on behalf of FODS - Pimms, lemonade, mint, cucumber, strawberries, tea/coffee, milk, squash, cups, ice-lollies/ice poles are for the children taking part. Sugar will be provided by committee members and the urn will be borrowed from village Hall. Glass jars for squash are being borrowed (Jo and Elle).

Horse show 4th of June - The organisers are wanting FODS to assist them in selling ice creams and to help tidy up afterwards. This years event is near East Allington, usually it is held in Avonwick. We will put a message out on the FODS and parent WhatsApp groups to ask for volunteers. We have decided to hold off on selling ice creams as the logistics of a freezer and generator is too difficult but will ask for helpers to tidy up.

Village fete 2nd July 2 to 5pm – The committee has asked us to organise a fancy dress competition or hold a stall with profits going to FODS. Jo will send a WhatsApp message to ask if parents are going to be going to the fete would they be happy to step in and support on behalf of FODS.

Diptfest 15th of July or weather dependent 23rd of September – Last year we had a separate committee which worked very well so this will need to be organised again. We would be considering same types of activities as last year. We will look at what made money last year and encourage these to be done again and others we may drop. For example - Splat the rat, treasure map, face painting, tombola, bouncing castle, hook a duck, cakes and sweets, refreshments, animal encounter, second hand uniform sale.

Film day week beginning 18th of July – We have chosen Thursday 21st as a provisional date, will check with Jody. The children will be provided with popcorn and a small bag of Haribo – Amy to get. Tickets to go on sale nearer the time and price to be decided at a later date. The committee will think of options for films

and utilise Jo's Disney plus again. The final choice of Films will be discussed with interim Head Teacher for approval. The classes will be split into 2 groups – Preschool, reception, year 1 and then year 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.

Raft race 2nd of October – A WhatsApp message will go out to ask parents for interest, hoping for a dads team and possibly a ladies/ mixed team.

Secondhand clothes sale – we have a lot of good quality clothes available, we could lay it out on tables at sports day with a donation pot. As we have a lot to sell we will plan to have a stall at Diptfest too.

8. Agree a date for next meeting:

Monday 20th, Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd of July. We will ask the rest of the committee which dates suit.

9. A.O.B

Money required for year 5/6 swimming day is £290. The Duck race scones and tea where to raised money for this as year 5/6 made the scones. They raised £278 so FODS will add in the extra £12. Roger to deal with this.

HEPA filters – There has been talk of these being donated by a group of anonymous Parents. The offer was for at least one unit per classroom. The issue comes when thinking about the filters which need replacing every 6 months and are £50 each. This could be 4 filters twice a year - £400 but if more units are bought it could be significantly more. Jody has stated she does see this as a FODS responsibility. As Fods we have discussed this at length and feel that we couldn't lock in future generations of FODS to the extra fundraising demands of this.

Jubilee – Laura and James have committed to set up the bar at the celebration, this is the extent of our involvement at this time.

Outdoor seating – Kim is ordering asap and hoping to erect it in the May half term. There had been hesitancy in ordering due to some work being done to make trees safe in the field. Kim will take responsibility to move the fully assembled seating away from the trees being cut down on the 28th of July. It will be sat on slabs in position and easily moveable to facilitate the tree surgeons work. We feel the benefit that the seating area will bring to the children is worth the added effort of moving it at a later date.

Football goals – there was an error in ordering and only nets arrived. These are being sent back and new goals have been sourced to order. Elle is discussing with school as they will be placing the order on FODS behalf. If they need removing in the winter this can be factored into a school tidy up day.

Water Butt – Kim spoke to Follaton House and they don't get them any more however they can be ordered off the website and are approx £40 each. These were to be placed under the down pipe of the new canopy and the compost toilet. There is some spare guttering left over from the last tidy day where a water play area was built and this could be used on the compost toilet building to run into the second water butt. Kim will continue to look into this, the committee has given the ok to spend the money.

School Play 13th of July – We will ask parents to make cakes and donate them for FODS to serve. We will also provide tea/coffee, Pimms, Lager/Cider for a donation. We will place this call for support on the WhatsApp Groups.

Diptford Community Fund is taking applications Kim will liase with Roger and look to apply.