

**MINUTES OF FRIENDS OF THE TRIANGLE ALDCLIFFE ROAD,  
Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

**Present:** Dave Brookes, Mike Swan, Jane Swan, Gillian Allen, Sheila Bliss, Martin Luke, Clare Gould, Frances Tordoff

**Apologies:** Jim Combe, Nicola Combe

**Minutes of previous meeting** held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017 were approved and there were no matters arising other than discussed below.

**Recent Developments:**

There has been some damage to the auction sign. Dave has spoken to the owners of the sign and we have been given permission to remove it if it is a health and safety risk.

All of the plants we bought have now been planted. The paths are finished. The water butts are in place and awaiting final connections.

Mark Buxton from Groundwork Trust will be coming on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017 to inspect the work before the final grant payment. Dave and Mike will meet him there.

**Work still to be undertaken:**

We need to sort out a pump for the irrigation system.

**Watering the Beds:**

The plants need frequent watering whilst they are getting established. The weather has been quite dry recently. Clare and Mike have been watering them so far but it was agreed that a rota should be set up.

**Rota for Watering:**

Mondays - Mike

Wednesdays – Martin

Fridays – Clare

Weekends – Sheila

Frances to fill in if needed.

## **Spring Fair**

This will be held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017. Mike is doing the flyers and these will be distributed around local houses. Signs will be put up on the Triangle notice board.

There will be musicians, children's games, a barbecue, a cake stall, refreshments, a plant stall, tombola and canal art.

Gillian and Martin are organising the tombola and would like any donations to the prizes in advance.

There will be a volunteer session before the Spring Fair to tidy things up in preparation.

## **Any other Business:**

**Trees** - Dave has spoken to the Tree Surgeon who has advised us to seek Tree Preservation Orders on some of the trees on the Triangle in order to protect them.

**Light up Lancaster** - The Dukes Creative Learning Centre are not planning anything for this year's Light up Lancaster so will not be wanting to use the Triangle.

**Dogs** - There have been a few boisterous dogs on the Triangle recently. These have been churning up the newly laid paths and grass. We will continue to monitor this for now.

**Litter** - There has been some littering including quite a few discarded cigarette butts. It was decided to put a metal bucket out to encourage people to throw the butts in there instead of onto the raised beds.

**Date of next meeting:** 7.30pm on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2017 at 61 Regent Street.