

## **MEETING MINUTES**

### **FRIENDS OF CHITTLEHAMPTON SCHOOL**

**7.30PM, 9 March 2020**

**LOCATION: THE BELL INN, CHITTLEHAMPTON**

**Present:** Vicky Williams, Rachael, Amie Seviour, Leonie Millichope

**Apologies:** Amanda Rowe, Becca Brewer

#### **Treasurer's update**

1. Forthcoming expenditure
2. Leonie agreed to check with Amanda on the current balance.

#### **Matters arising:**

1. School promotional activities:
  - a. Rebecca MacMills had kindly arranged a further 3 months of advertising in the Molton Monthly. FOCS has funded this (£75) in the hope that all or part of the sum will be reimbursed by the school (Steve Mellor). LM to follow up with RMacM
  - b. Rebecca MacMills also undertook to speak with Dave Reed regarding putting a banner up on his fence along the main South Molton road (near the Bell sign). LM to check on progress with this.
  - c. VW mentioned that Mr Mellor and Mrs Evans had also raised the possibility of starting a toddler group hosted at the school to feed the pre-school. No further news on this at the moment.
2. Eco Warrior Award fund-raising:
  - a. Mrs Evans confirmed that the children would be trying to obtain their Gold Award before the end of the academic year. This means they must raise around £200 in order to pay for an Eco Award inspector to visit the school. FOCS agreed to help fundraise for this and will suggest to Mrs Evans a school-based fete/party to tie in with the VE celebrations (i.e. during the week ending 8<sup>th</sup> May). It was suggested that the children might use their carnival costumes and village fete games, if these are still available. FOCS would provide cakes and refreshments, and would invite members of the village community. The event would be open to all. VM agreed to discuss this further with Mrs Evans.

3. Easter fund-raising:
  - a. FOCS agreed to run a 'buy a square' Easter Egg raffle, £1 per square and three prizes. LM to organise.
4. School garden maintenance and improvement:
  - a. Mrs Evans had mentioned that the school garden does now need some attention again. The play bark is very thin in places. Also the wooden wendy house is in need of repair or possibly replacement. Mrs Evans also mentioned that the willow shelter structure has never been wholly completed and asked if we know anyone who could do this. Alternatively it might be dug up and the space cleared. LM agreed to arrange to go into school to review the garden situation. AS agreed for her husband Peter to visit school to look at the wendy house and report back as to whether repairs might be possible.
  - b. Play bark: we discussed the idea of getting play bark donated to the school – or at least some contribution towards the cost of it - from local businesses. VW agreed to create a template letter (with Sarah's help) and consider who we might target.

#### **Any other business**

1. Mrs Facey, the Forest School teacher, has compiled a list of equipment that she would like to buy for the children to use (total of around £190).
2. Mrs Evans requested funds to buy shin pads and goalie gloves for the school to loan to pupils attending football events in Years 5/6. FOCS approved this purchase.
3. Mr Parsons leaving: it was agreed that FOCS should buy a bottle of wine and a card for Mr Parsons as he will be leaving his teaching position at the school at the end of term.

**Date of next meeting (AGM):** 7.20pm Monday 27 April, at the Bell Inn.