

# AGM Minutes

## Friends' Meeting

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Date: Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Location: Christ Church C.E. Primary School

Start: 7.00pm

Present: Lynn Swift, Amy Precious, Louise Ince, Kimberley Knibb, Claire Seel. Lisa Moore, Rebecca Rowlands, Rhiannon Cameron, Sarah Gundry, Sarah Howard, Sian Nixon, Dominique Stead, Saaiba Ahmed, Danielle Davis.

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### Agenda

Topics	Discussion
Welcome	Sarah thanked everyone for coming – we were so pleased to see so many people. We introduced ourselves.
Apologies	Danika Davidson, Vikki Wheeler, Jill Rhodes
Correspondence	Sian has sent the Charity Commission form out, which people were to read before being elected to new committee.
Chairperson's report	<p>We always knew 2022 would see the start of some significant changes for Friends compared to previous years – it's been the final year for the current committee members, Sian, Danielle and I and for most of the year we were more than concerned it could also be the end of Friends.</p> <p>At the end of the summer term, we lost a significant number of parents who played monumental roles within Friends as their children moved on to high school and we have really felt that loss.</p> <p>After the AGM we decided that with it being our last year we needed to bring back those big events, not just for fundraising but</p>

because the children absolutely love them. We knew that this wasn't going to be easy what with less volunteers and the cost-of-living crisis so with that in mind we scaled down the events slightly compared to previous years.

The 1<sup>st</sup> event was an Easter raffle – and it was lovely to be invited to a school assembly to do the draw – the children absolutely loved it. All the left-over Easter eggs were donated to Brandlesholme road foodbank, and the Porch project based in Radcliffe and it's needless to say our donation was much welcomed.

Then came the summer fair and Christmas fairs – which again was on a much smaller scale than previous years/pre Covid but it was a great success and was enjoyed by all.

Then there is the New Adventure Playground a project that has been at the fore front of our fundraising over the last 6 years, we have discussed the adventure playground more times than I care to remember but we have finally reached our goal and despite a few setbacks it is due to be built this May half term.

Although we have had the adventure playground as the focus of our fundraising, we have also raised funds for so many different project, activities, educational days, equipment during that time which will benefit the children of Christ Church Walshaw for years to come.

True fully it hasn't always been easy and there have been times when it's been a challenge, but we have always come together and supported each other which what makes Friends of Christ Church Walshaw a fantastic community to be part of.

I want to finish by 1<sup>st</sup> of all thanking the children of Christ Church Walshaw past and present for how amazing they are, how supportive they have been with all the fundraising events we have held. Whenever we do anything, it was always with them in mind. This then leads on to thanking parents. When we 1<sup>st</sup> formed our committee, the message was always that everyone is part of friends and everyone plays there roll perhaps without realising – it could be as simple as purchasing an ice pop on sports day, donating items for non-uniform day, attending events, and without parent's support friends wouldn't exist.

My thanks now turns to the staff here in school as without their support, Volunteering at events in their own time, donating prizes and just those simple words of encouragement (which is much appreciated especially when labelling tombola items) counting

coppers for the loose change challenge or folding Mother's Day Tea Towels.

Mrs Howard please can you pass on our thanks to all the staff?

Mrs Howard, what can I say, thank you doesn't quite seem enough. The support you give to friends is worth its weight in gold. You have given up your spare time in the evenings and weekends to support everything we do, there isn't any other Headteacher that I know who dedicates so much time in supporting and encouraging us to be the best we can.

It has also been a pleasure getting to know you and I will miss our great working relationship.

I would also like to thank Claire Massey and Amanda Caine – you both set on this journey with us and played a massive part in creating and developing friends. Although you no longer hold committee positions you have remained part of friends and supportive throughout.

My final thanks go to Danielle and Sian.

Danielle, despite William and Libby leaving Christ Church 4 years ago you have remained as treasurer and continued to support friends not only as the treasurer but as a volunteer at events so thank you so much you have gone above and beyond and I don't know what we would have done without you.

Sian – Sian this has been the hardest bit to write – I've worked out you have been part of Friends for the last 11 years and in your current post as vice chair for the last 6. Over the year you have put your heart and soul into friends wanting to and making it the best it can be.

I also can't express and put into words how grateful I am to you, for everything you have done for Friends and the support you have given me has been amazing. You go above and beyond, always thinking of others and always being there and the best bit is I have gained a friend for life, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Lastly, I just want to say how honoured and thankful I am for the opportunity over the last 6 years to be part of our wonderful PTA which makes stepping down from chair so much harder.

I would like to wish our new Chair and newly elected committee members good luck and I can't wait for the next chapter of Friends.

<p>Treasurer's report</p>	<p>Our funds are looking healthy. We always keep £1000 ringfenced in our account as a contingency. Our opening balance from 2022 was £18,308.</p> <p>This year we paid £12,769 to school ready for the adventure playground payment.</p> <p>We have also bought basketball nets (£940).</p> <p>Easter, Summer and Christmas activities raised £3078. Easyfundraising brought in £292.</p> <p>Our closing balance as of 25/4/23 was £4460 – leaving £1000 in the account, the total available to be spent is £3460.</p> <p>Balance sheet gives more information.</p>
<p>Election of officials</p>	<p>Chair (nominated by Rhiannon Cameron and seconded by Sarah Gundry) – Lisa Moore</p> <p>Vice Chair (nominated by Sian Nixon and seconded by Rhiannon Cameron) – Saaiba Ahmed</p> <p>Treasurer (nominated by Lisa Moore and seconded by Saaiba Ahmed) – Rhiannon Cameron</p> <p>Secretaries (nominated by Saaiba Ahmed and seconded by Rhiannon Cameron) Kim Knibb (nominated by Sarah Gundry and seconded by Claire Seel) Emma Lee</p> <p>Congratulations to the new officials and good luck with your fundraising!</p>
<p>Any other business</p>	<p>Mrs Howard expressed her thanks to the committee for all their hard work over the last few years. She is very grateful for everything we have done to raise funds and support the school.</p> <p>We discussed events we have previously had that worked well and ideas for new events. Summer Fair planned on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Sarah and Sian will meet the new committee on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in Cosalea to hand over. Sarah, Rhiannon and Lisa will go to the bank to get names changed etc.</p> <p>Next Friends meeting will be <b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm.</b></p>

Date and time of the next AGM	The Chair closed the AGM. Date and Time of the next AGM to be confirmed.
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