

**Mirrlees Fields Friends Group Annual General meeting minutes
Held on Tuesday 20th November 2018 AT STOCKPORT GEORGIANS
CRICKET CLUB, WOODSMOOR COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Attending 42 members of the "Friends Group" and all committee members.

David Kemp opened the meeting and welcomed everyone present.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES FROM 218 A.G.M. AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were read and approved as a correct record.

There were no matters arising.

Proposed Anthony Byatt and Seconded by Bill Crofts

3. CHAIRMANS REPORT

Update given on the fields. Please refer to circulated copy.

4. TREASURERS REPORT. Anthony circulated copies of the Groups accounts for 2017 to 2018. The accounts were proposed by David Gosling and seconded by Gene Allen.

5.ELECTION OF OFFICERS: CHAIRMAN, DEPUTY CHAIRMAN,
GENERAL SECRETARY, AND TREASURER.

Chairperson:

Secretary: Alison Marsden

Treasurer: Antony Byatt

Membership: David Gosling (Acting Chair)

Other committee members elected were David Kemp, Bill & Sandra Crofts, Gene Allen, Jo Hasledine, Brian Waddington, Alan Sillitoe, Julia Willis & Andy Stobbie.

Anyone wishing to join the committee or a volunteer on organised a work task days are very welcome. Please check out the web site or speak to any committee member. Committee meetings are held approximately every 6 to 8 weeks at The Shady Oak on New House Farm Estate - Redford Road.

inf@mirrleesfields.org.uk or www.facebook.com/mirrlessfieldsfriendsgroup

6. ANNUAL REPORT A slide show was presented showing how the fields have changed over the last 12 months. The Friends group has produced a printed information guide for walking around the fields. /footpaths. These can be downloaded from the web site, or picked up from Woodsmoor Post office or local libraries. A number of organised health walks have been organised with local community groups and Stepping Hill Hospital. The trees in the orchard are producing fruit for everyone to enjoy. From the TfGM project, four benches have been installed around the fields and also four interesting designed self-standing notice boards made from recycled metal, We have an app for the eco explorer, and orienteering course used by local scouting

groups. Among the events organised by Cheshire Wildlife Trust were wildflower seed sowing, bird watching walks and installing bird boxes. The fields provide home to abundance wildlife, and well enjoyed by many people including walking groups, runners, and local Scouting groups.

Cheshire Wildlife organised events and workdays on the fields funded from Natural Futures project will come to an end. New funding will be sought for next year. The friends group organise walks for which are well attended.

7. FUTURE OF THE FIELDS. New housing development is completed. The future of the fields is still uncertain. We have been informed the footpaths around the fields - part of the Fred Perry Way are to be upgraded starting 28th March.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no other items put forward

9. SUMMARY OF QUESTIONS TAKEN FROM THE FLOOR

Questions were taken from the floor.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Due to the cost of postage information about the fields: i.e. workdays, forthcoming events can be found on facebook, Mirrlees Fields web site, the notice boards and are emailed to all members.

Councils for Dog Walking are introducing new rules. One person can only walk a maximum of 4 dogs at one time. This is to ensure the person walking the dogs have control of the dogs in their care.

11. DATE, TIME & PLACE OF NEXT MEETING

The next A.G.M will be held on 20th November 2019