

Friends of Lealholm School.
Minutes of the Meeting 11th October 2018

Meeting opened 20:15 hours

Present:

Helen Ward, Beth Parkes, Andrea Simpson, Jane Wright, Laura Shaw, Laura Crawford, Sophie Wilson, Gilly Perry, Romy Bennett, Noel Bennett, Amanda Smith, Andrew Parker, Sarah Waterfield, Rachel Parker

- **Apologies:**

Julie Mead, Emie Di Marino, Claire Summerson, Kirsty Knight

- **Yorkshire Dialect Night**

The decision was made to go ahead with the Yorkshire Dialect Night. AS to contact relevant people.
Possible dates are:

- Thursday 15th & 29th November.
- Tickets £8 including tea/coffee gingerbread or biscuits
- Time 7:30 pm
- Raffle
- Venue – Robinsons Institute, Glaisdale.

- **Future of Friends of Lealholm School**

It was agreed to encourage more families to become involved, then to step back if there is no response. It is appreciated that most parents work full time and do not always have the time to help. FOLS contribute to numerous activities which the children enjoy.

- **Swimming** – This cannot come out of the school budget, it is only a legal requirement for a child to be able to swim by year 6.
- **Feedback from Chairman's Letter**
There were some hard-hitting points within the letter. If FOLS are unable to continue to contribute towards the swimming lessons, jack and the beanstalk reading initiative and other events then these benefits will be greatly restricted and may cease.
- **Throughout 2017-18 the money has been spent on:**
 - Swimming
 - Faith and Culture

- **Discontinuation of FOLS**

School will be limited to what they can provide. Activities such as swimming would need more parental contributions. It was noted that the hampers, the coffee morning and 100 club last year raised approx. £1000.

- **Money to be spent on:**

It was agreed that the outdoor space needs some work to bring the garden back to a usable area. The willow tunnel was also mentioned.

There are grants available:-

- **Sirius Minerals Grant**
- **Lady Normanby Trust** – Match 50/50
- **Previous quote from Dig It**

- **Running of the 100 club**

It is undecided whether the 100 club will continue to run, as no-one has yet stepped forward to run it. The Autumn sale will be the last draw for this year. It will mean a loss of £500 per year for FOLS. FOLS thanked Jane for her help with the 100 club over the last 3 years.

- **AOB**

Look into charity status, as it will give FOLS more opportunity to access funding.

