



Friends of Deighton Gates - Meeting Minutes
8:00pm Tuesday 7th July 2026

Attendees: Louise Pedley (LP) – Chair, Rosie Evans (RE), Paul Fröes (PF), Tamsin Day (TD), Steve Waters (SW), Kate Waters (KW), Jon Heeley (JH), Marguerite Proctor (MP), Alice Staniford (AS), Luke Hale (LH)

Apologies: Katie Horridge (KH), Theuns Liebenberg (TL), Amanda Myers (AM)

No.	Item
1.	Welcome and Introductions (If required)
2.	Actions from previous meeting • AM to send lists of names and houses to LP for Lego brick keyrings for new reception class bookbags – DONE and keyrings produced & delivered.
3.	Finances • Finance Update Last time balances: £23,053 in bank, £8,898 available for general funding requests Ins: Pre-loved £32 Outs: Hot Weather assistance £158 (fans/ice/pops), Sports Day costs £72 (incl. Trolley), Reception keyrings £13. Balances: £22,842 in bank, £7,687 available for general funding requests (Holding £12.3k for spend approved not yet paid - namely £4.7k for Y4 swimming lessons, £5k for SUDs, £1k for staff room kitchen and £1.6k for books/first aid course/Jan assembly; a further £0.8k held for regular commitments - Y5 ukulele lessons & Y6 leavers books; and £2k held for upfront costs of events/floats). • Annual Report Very draft annual report available for review - still one more event (Sports Day), and several large costs (approved not yet invoiced) to pay out. Therefore, totals will change and final version will be approved at September's meeting.
4.	Chairs Report • Chair Annual Summary – LP ran through. Successful year. Total amount raised is around £16,690. Without grants around £11k. Ran through high level summary of events held. • Highlights of Zactive (Gladiator) event. • No Year 6 active members of FoDG leaving school this year. • RE stepping down as Treasurer this year. Acknowledge fantastic job RE has done since taking on the role. Real asset to the team. Huge thanks to Rosie!! • Dropped bake-sales to one per term which worked well. Made slightly less money but makes sense to continue for next year given reduction in workload for FoDG and parents. • Target – follow similar event plan for next year. Suggestion of roller disco. Work harder to get younger years' parents coming through to FoDG committee. • Most successful PTA in Wetherby at the moment. Need others to filter in to ensure it can continue.
5.	Approved Funding Requests • Year 4 Swimming Lessons – £1,450 transferred so far (lessons cost for 1 term), holding balance for remaining lessons & all of coach cost (not yet invoiced). – Waiting on invoices. • Books for library – AM placed order from Kemps (money from World Book day plus a little extra - £500 in total). • Mini first aid course - holding £275 - Y4 and Y6 undertaken course and was successful. School to provide invoice. Suggestion to approve for next year - APPROVED





	- Changes to Benedicts Law – Epi-pen Mandatory training. Agreed to pay towards something else to free up cash for school to pay this as recognise this is an unexpected cost. Approx £650 – Approved (Lego workshop?). Lego workshop £890. APPROVED £650 towards this. - Staff room kitchen – Not fit for purpose. Gets used for FoDG events. Approved up to £1,000 spend with a view to saving money where we can. Local kitchen fitter has come forward who says he can supply a kitchen or at least parts of it. Coming in to see Mr Hewitt this week to confirm details, and Mr Hewitt will fit over the summer holidays. (Note if we were to buy new, it would be around £2k in total). Funding Requests/suggestions to discuss - Funding requests from school. (Year 5 chairs, iPads for school, PE budget reduced so maybe Forest School support and sports equipment) - LH – Forest school high priority as broadest reach in terms of the number of pupils involved. £6,800 for this for the year. - Unsure on PE budget for next year. Will be for one term (one third of previous years) but unsure on the exact amount. By September meeting we will know the exact number - iPads come in batches of 15 with a charging trolley which covers a class. Currently have approx. 20 that work. - For September, LH to provide priority wish list with costs. Additional Offer of Funding - Additional £1,500 offered from Paragon Traffic management (Matthew Warne) specifically for sports equipment. Initially offered £650 for sports day medals but given cut in PE funding agreed money could be better spent. LH – goal posts are high priority. Happy to go for goal posts as an impactful project. LH to confirm correct posts. MW to put money into FoDG account, school order with no VAT and FoDG to reimburse.
6.	Sports Day – Thursday 9th July - Same set up as before. FoDG Gazebo, drinks etc to be set up AM. - Rota in place to staff refreshment stall. - Gazebos to be used for house teams. 4 available. School to lead on putting these up. - Additional gazebos requested from parents for spectators. 6 offered so far. - Reminder to ask people to stay to help at the end to help tidy up. Also noted about bins being full – extra bin bags on refreshment stall. - Both halls to be open at lunchtime to get out of the heat.
7.	Bake Sales Sports Day 9th July
8.	Resignation and Election of Trustees - Existing trustee positions vacated – LP, PF and RE - The Chair confirmed that the meeting was quorate in accordance with the FoDG constitution, allowing the nomination and election of trustees to proceed. - Nominations were received and unanimously approved: - Chair(s) – Louise Pedley - Treasurer(s) – Jon Heeley - Secretary (secretaries) – Paul Froes
9.	AOB - LH – New school website over the summer. All content on there will move. How it's updated will change. LH to show PF new methods. - LH happy to continue on with how we operate next year. Mr Hirst may join some meetings. - PF to circulate proposed dates for meetings from September
INFO	Future Events – For information only – no decisions required. (Bold Confirmed – Normal Text detail/dates to be confirmed, <i>Italic to discuss at future meetings</i>) - Ongoing Bake Sales School Year 2026-2027 <i>Open Orchard 2026</i> Halloween/Autumn Disco 2026 – Friday 9th October <i>Secret Gift Room 2026</i> Christmas Quiz and Raffle 2026 – Friday 4th December <i>World Book Day 2027</i>





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