



Friends of Deighton Gates - Meeting Agenda
8:00pm Tuesday 15th September 2026

Attendees: Louise Pedley (LP) – Chair, Paul Frões (PF), Jon Heeley (JH), Alice Staniford (AS), Rosie Evans (RE), Theuns Liebenberg (TL), Sophie Thompson (ST), Josh Wilson (JW), Marguerite Proctor (MP).

Apologies: Katie Horridge (KH), Luke Hale (LH), Tamsin Day (TD)

No.	Item
1.	Welcome and Introductions (If required)
2.	Actions from previous meeting • LH to provide funding priority list with costs – SEE ITEM 4 • LH to confirm costs for football posts – Paragon donation. – POSTS ORDERED (CAME IN LESS THAN £1.5K AND REST WILL BE SPENT ON OTHER PE EQUIPMENT). • LH to show PF new methods for updates on new website. – EMAILED KB FOR ACCESS • PF to circulate proposed meeting dates for 26-27 school year - DONE
3.	Finances • General finance update to 31st July 2026: • Last time balances (7th July 2026): £22,842 in bank, £7,687 available for general funding requests • Ins to 31/7: Pre-loved £4, Rag bin £24, Reception bake sale £94, Paragon Donation £1,000, Bank Interest £4 • Outs to 31/07: Hot Weather assistance £37 (ice/pops), Stock costs £33 (bought for sports day to be used at disco), Bank charges £11, Gazebo spares £44, Ukulele lessons £360, swimming £4,141, Y6 leavers books £258, Lego workshops £650, Mini First Aid £295 • Balances at end of year 31 July 2026 : £18,640 in bank, £6,800 available for general funding requests (Holding £9.8k for spend approved not yet paid - £5k for SUDs, £1k for staff room kitchen £1.5k for football goalposts and £1.5k for books, £840 for Jan assembly; and £2k held for upfront costs of events/floats). • Note costs from sports day for drinks assigned to last year, so cannot be moved to Autumn disco. • From 1st August: Opening balance £18,640 • Income £26.50; Easy fundraising - £22.11. Interest - £4.39 • Outgoings £1128.02; Beer pump kit £79.86, Service charges for paying in summer fair cash £48.16, Books £1000 • End of August balance £17,538.51 • Approved yet to spend £8,840 • Regular yearly commitments £1,765 • Less reserves £2,000 • Available to spend £4,933
4.	Approved Funding Requests • Books for library and Year 2/3 Gaps (£500) – Not yet purchased. To progress with Kemps. Also additional £1,000 to top up. LP to speak to KB. • Staff room kitchen –Approved up to £1,000 spend. Avenues explored have resulted in a dead end. The person who had offered the kitchen has not been in touch again. TL has approached Howdens who may be able to do something in January. Suggest to wait until then rather than pay out now. LP to supply outline plan to TL. TL to follow up with Howdens. Funding Requests/suggestions to discuss • New iPads top priority. 15 with charging trolley and cases - £5k. (Replace some broken and provide additional so there would be more than 30). School to confirm why iPads are needed rather than a different type of table. Provide quote and can vote at next meeting.





	- Forest school was discussed at end of last year due to drop in PE funding (stops in December). Around £6.5k. Teachers view – good opportunity for kids, but some may consider it to be repetitive year on year. Reception find it particularly valuable. School to discuss how valuable this is and if they want it. Perhaps fund staff training so they can do it themselves? Would be a large commitment for FoDG to fund this each year. 20 chairs for Year 5 - £840 - Ukelele lessons – Suggestion to move to end of year 3/start of year 4. FoDG purchased 30 5 years ago, and commitment to 1 term of lessons for Year 5 each year for 5 years. Committed to end of this school year. Concern that Year 5 is too far along in school. Music teacher (James) has been contacted by TD and he agreed that he'd support bringing it forward to Year 3/4. School to discuss. Note that drumming is in Year 4 as well as swimming. Cost £560 per year.
5.	Allergy Training - New allergy policy being developed and distributed due to introduction of Benedicts Law. FoDG need to comply in school time, and good practise to comply outside of school time. 2 members of FoDG committee undertaken training – LP and TD. Rest of FoDG can do free course. Allergy risk assessment needed for each relevant event. General risk assessment for bake sales to be produced by LP. - Some follow-up questions on training. LP to discuss with KB.
6.	Halloween Disco – Friday 9th October School - Staff volunteers to be provided ASAP - TENS done - DJ Booked - Volunteer survey gone out this week. - Soft drinks from cancelled sports day. - Stock of toys in cupboard AS to get sweets/crisps from Bookers. AS to go through risk assessment AS to send yellow letters to KB 25th Sept.
7.	Bake Sales - Continue with 2 years per each bake sale LP to discuss with KB. Years 5&6 first. Suggest Wednesday 14th. - Other dates to be agreed at future meetings
8.	Christmas Quiz & Raffle – Friday 4th December - TEN applied for - Team Christmas to organise meeting - Seeking volunteer to organise raffle tickets/sellers/license (ongoing) and lead on Christmas raffle. Perhaps alternate prize organising and admin for Summer/Christmas.
9.	AOB - Christmas card templates gone out to school including teachers guide. Need back in 3 weeks. ST confirmed this has gone to all staff and 3 weeks is enough time. LP to contact supplier of outdoor chalk boards regarding the poor quality - Next time gazebos go up, new bolts need to go in. Currently in new bag in gazebo store. - Pre-loved sorted. Cupboard and shed need sorting. LP to follow up with volunteers. - Next meeting 22nd October
INFO	Future Events – For Info only. Discuss if required. (Bold Confirmed – Normal Text detail/dates to be confirmed, <i>Italic to discuss at future meetings</i>) - Ongoing Bake Sales School Year 2025-2026 <i>Open Orchard 2026 – Look at apples for this year!!</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> <i>Say it with flowers 2027</i> <i>Spring Disco 2027</i> Summer Fair & Raffle 2027 – Saturday 19th June 2027

