



Friends of the Mead Meeting Minutes – 4th June 2025

Attendees:

Sara Wright (SW), Tom Matthewman (TM) Matt Grogan (MG), Lora Grogan (LG), Lucy Rudge (LR), Stuart Hetherington (SH), Tessa Duff (TD), Charlie Thomas (CT), Kathryn Flavell (KF), Katie Hunt (KH), Pardeep Gill (PG), Gemma Garner (GG), Zoe Freeman (ZF), Emily Seddon (ES), Claire Chattenton (CC), Jess Tadmor (JT), Michelle Coveney (MC)

Apologies:

Danni Leydon, Sarah Morley, Heather Fulcher, Gemma Wilson

1. Welcome & Introduction

- Introductions were made by SW

2. Open actions

Action	Owner	Start date	Comments/update
SW and Charlie Thomas to continue to liaise with the school around arrangements for the sports day colour run, including catering.	SW	08/05/2025	Discussed – see upcoming events for further details.
To decide whether school disco is organised by FoM or to a year group, with further discussion to follow.	SW	08/05/2025	To be taken on by new class reps at the start of the next academic year.
Willing volunteers for the winter ball to contact Claire Chattenton.	All	08/05/2025	Discussed – see upcoming events for further details. This can be closed now CC has support.
SW to prepare and circulate a FoM newsletter covering past and future events.	SW	08/05/2025	In progress.
MC to purchase pre-reception equipment and invoice FoM.	MC	08/05/2025	Done – closed.
TD to make enquiries for a forthcoming ice lolly sale.	TD	08/05/2025	This can be done ad hoc on a sunny day.
KF to email MC wrt donations of toys, etc. to the school.	KF	08/05/2025	Done and with GW to set up a form – closed.

3. Treasurer update

MG gave a short overview of funds – circa £5 - 5.5k in the account, with everything paid up with exception of some invoices for the winter ball.

4. Upcoming events

Upcoming events summarised in the below table:

Event(s)	Year group committed if applicable	Discussion if any	Action if any
TERM 3			
FoM Golf Day	N/A	Friday 6 th June, 24 participants. All set to go.	
Sports Day colour run	Y4 + Charlie Thomas	Discussion covered the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field hire extended – invoice should be with FoM to settle Comms being prepared to cover timings, refreshments, what to wear, etc. A poll will be issued around year groups to get a rough indication of numbers to help with catering for example. 	
End of term event	TBC	SW to book in Captain Fantastic – this should be sufficient with other activities.	
NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR			
School Disco	TBC	Friday 19 th September, provisionally. KF will make enquiries with DJ (Luke) who subsequently confirmed he can do it.	
Winter Ball	CC et al	Saturday 15 th November. Discussion covered the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Casino tables, magic mirror, etc. all reserved, plus a band CC meeting with volunteer help on Thursday morning There will be a maximum of 15 tables, 12 per table, with one held back for new parents CC preparing blurb for FoM website so tickets can go out on sale within the next fortnight Invoices to be settled by FoM – CC will share with MG again 	
Christmas Fayre	FoM	Not covered.	
Christmas Panto	FoM	SW confirmed school gym should be suitable having discussed with the provider.	
Meadfest 2026	FoM	Not covered.	

5. Funding requests

Art/Murals

- PR wall re-rendered over half term, hoping we can get decorated soon.

Wireless bodypack mics

- Requested to enhance church performances - £369
- Mr Walpot will complete a funding request form.
- FoM supportive of the request in principle.

6. Year group reps for next academic year

SW asked all reps to seek out reps for the next school year, if not done so already.

Action >> Reps to seek out rep volunteers for the next academic year.

7. AoB

Second-hand uniform

KF confirmed there will be a sale at the new children's morning. She has also set-up a generic email address to replace Sudefeen's personal email address on the school website. MG commented that this will be beneficial for SumUp logins from a logistics perspective.

Secretary farewell

This is SH's last meeting as FoM secretary, who will be replaced by TD next year. SW thanked him for all his efforts over the past two years.

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