

FRIENDS OF BALL GROVE

**Meeting, Monday 9th March 2026
7.00pm Cotton Tree Pub**

Welcome and apologies;

Attended; Les Cromey, Martin Ackroyd, Gillian Laycock, Ann Waddington, S E Cockburn Price, Barry Hodgson (TPC), Phil Riley (PC), Ann Holmes (TPC), Andy Froud.

Apologies; None

Les thanked everyone for attending

Constitution:

It has been raised that at the Friends AGM 2nd June 2025, an error was made in the appointment of Officers due to only four votes being made.

The Constitution requiring a minimum of 5 (only 4 members present)

SOLUTION;

1) MH to continue as chairman. (as MH was chairman at the time)

NO VOTES.

2) Proposed that the appointment of officers vote is retaken and back dated. Chair, LC, Minutes Secretary, GBL, Treasurer, MA

ALL IN FAVOUR OF THIS MOTION, 5 VOTES, NONE AGAINST

3) A proposal to change the Constitution Item 6.2, relating to quorum number be changed from 5 to 3.

ALL IN FAVOUR OF THIS PROPOSAL, 5 VOTES. NONE AGAINST

Minutes of last meeting (19th January 2026)

Approved: Martin Ackroyd

Seconded; Andy Riley

Matters arising;

Cycling signs awaiting feedback TPC re upgrading of type and information on sign.

Bench near playground, extended hardstanding awaiting, additional bench to be considered on the concrete area. Ann Holmes to liaise between TPC and F of BG re costings, F of BG to consider joint funding.

Hard core has been placed at the gates to the pasture, the latch is awaiting fitting.

Reports;

None

Progress from last meeting;

None other than bulb planting, note some bulbs have flowered.

Financial;

Current balance £7,008.79

Awaiting payment for Woodland Lease.

Bat House Donation:

Bat team need to attend Meeting re possible donation which the F of BG do want to support.

Future Volunteer Activities;

Awaiting Volunteer activity dates from Chris.

F of BG would like to help to remove identified steps and plant trees at the Ball Grove car park. Liaise with Chris re a possible date, Saturdays would be an idea it might attract more volunteers.

21st March Great British Spring Clean, F of BG to support this activity in partnership with Trawden in Bloom. Barry to drop of litter bags at LC house.

Meet at Cotton tree carpark 10am on the 21st March.

AOB

Steps from Ball Grove car park being removed, health and safety. Chris to plant some trees for aesthetic purposes.(identified in Future Volunteer Activities)

Wild flowers area in the Park to be replanted. F of BG will donate to cost of planting. Chris or Phil to inform group of costs.

Outside the playground, near the grit path left, a kerb edging is missing and another is misplaced, needs repairing.

Mel's email re complaint against the Chair regarding the meeting 19th January was discussed. It was agreed by all the attendees of this meeting to support the Chair person.

Please note S E Cockburn Price did not vote as she had not attended the 02/06/2025 meeting.

The Chair person will forward the complaint to TPC.

Date of next meetings; Friends of Ball Grove;

General Meeting: year meeting dates to be set after AGM

AGM : 20th April 2026 7.00 pm Cotton Car park Tree Pub.