

FRIENDS OF BALL GROVE

**Meeting, Monday 13th July 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), Chris McKee (PC), Andy Froud, David Barrett.

Apologies; Ann Holmes (TPC) Tracey, Jerry Stanford, Phil Riley.

Les thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes of last meeting (19th March 2026)

Approved: Ann Waddington

Seconded: Andy Froud

Matters arising:

Signs ordered awaiting placement

Bench near playground, Friends to source a bench type and liaise with Adele (TPC) re purchase, cost and placement.

Latch on pasture gate still needs altering for disabled users, (TPC) to implement.

Bat group, still ongoing, group are awaiting license.

Reports;

Volunteers day: work on the steps from the upper car park into the park redone in bark, vegetation cut back.

Great British Spring clean took place in partnership with TPC.

Thank you to Chris for the posters advertising volunteer activities. The last event saw much improved attendance. Les will invite all who attended to the next volunteer activity.

Thanks to Tracey from the cafe for leaving a very tidy, litter free park after her event.

Chris had worked with Year 7s from Park High School cutting back the vegetation leading up from the park to Keighley road and the woodland path leading off the Upper car park.

**Les and Martin are attending the Green Flag annual presentation on behalf of the Friends,
14/07/2026**

Progress from last meeting;

Toilets for the park are an ongoing matter for TPC

Financial;

Current balance £8,008.79

Awaiting Chris McKee to forward our contribution cost to the wildflower meadow.

Future Volunteer Activities;

Awaiting Volunteer activity dates from Chris

Tidying of flower beds at the Cotton Tree car park

Membership:

Les has emailed all persons who have not attended the meeting over the last two years and requested they confirm they still want to remain members and receive the minutes to the meetings.

As a result 22 persons will now receive email contact about meetings and minutes.

Les is to ask Adele to create a recruitment link to the Friends via the web

AOB;

The drains on Ball Grove Drive have been inspected after recent flooding of the road, they are blocked and will require further investigation/ work. TBC+PC are working together to resolve this matter.

Motorcycles riding up and down Ball Grove Drive looking for the cafe are causing concern. It was suggested to ask Tracey at the Cafe to have a signage board made and put out on days when the bikers are visiting e.g. [Thursdays on Bike and Brew evening. Les to speak to Tracey and Adele re this matter.

Barry informed the Friends that the request from the Anglers re fencing the lake to protect the fish from the otter had been refused.

Sarah Cockburn suggested the Friends might like to consider liaising more with Trawden Forest CP School re gardening, as their allotment at the school and their gardening enrichment activities are amazing. She will send Les information to get in touch with them.

Date of next meetings; 12th October 2026