FRIENDS OF BALL GROVE

Meeting, Monday 12th October 2026
7.00pm Cotton Tree Pub

Welcome and apologises;
Attended; Les Cromey, Martin Ackroyd, Gillian Laycock, Ann Waddington, Andy Froud. Ben Harrison, David Barrett
Apologies;
Sarah Cockburn Price, Representatives from Trawden Parish. Representative from the Angling Society to attend next meeting.
Les thanked everyone for attending

Minutes of last meeting (13th July 2026)
Approved: Ann Waddington
Seconded; David Barrett

Matters arising;
New bench: delivered, awaiting Chris to liaise with fitters agreed placement, Friends have paid their portion.

Latch on gate to pasture outstanding, Chris should be actioning this.

Bat group, ongoing. Friends still wanting to support groups activities in the park and reserve.

Les and Gillian to approach Trawden School re visit to the park / reserve after half term.

Footpath from Ball Grove Drive to the park remains unsafe, the Friends feel it should be cordoned off for safety reasons until actions have occurred to improve flooding.
Flooded area, Ball Grove Drive (linked to above concern) no action, awaiting further development, TPC and LCC matter. Adele TPC liaising with appropriate bodies and to inform of actions at their next meeting.

Reports;
None

Progress from last meeting;
Toilets ongoing, with TPC

Financial;
Current balance £7,330.29
Two transactions since last meeting;
£150.00 contribution to wildflower planting in the enlarged bed near the flag pole.
£528.50 contribution towards the purchase of the agreed new bench.

Future Volunteer Activities;
2nd November 2026 10-12 tidying of flower and shrub beds at Cotton Tree entrance to the park. Please bring tools and gloves. Meet at Cotton Tree car park.

Awaiting other Volunteer activity dates from Chris.

AOB;
Path on the riverside of the fishing lake needs cutting back.

Channels for run off (the surplus water ditch spoil) needs clearing on the path side.

The friends would like information from TPC regarding what has been agreed with the cafe owner re motor bike signage.

Les and Gillian to consider involvement of other local Primary schools after the visit from Trawden school.

TPC to please advise re the following:
- **Signage relating to bikes in the park.**
- **Who is liable if there is a cyclist/ traffic accident on the park**

Could Chris check the tree near the new houses backing onto the Reserve re concerns position/possibly falling over. Martin to liaise with Chris.

The wall opposite Crow Nest next to the bus stop has a stone fallen out onto the pavement, the wall is possibly unstable and a hazard to the public. Could Phil advise who is responsible for repair and inform them of the Friends concerns. Andy to forward a picture of said problem to re-enforce concerns.

Ask TPC to forward their 2027 meeting schedule for our next meeting 11th January 2027.

Date of next meetings; Friends of Ball Grove;
- **General Meeting: 11th January 2027 7.00pm Cotton Tree Pub**
- **AGM: 15th April 2027 7.00 pm Cotton Car park Tree Pub.**