



FRIENDS OF SHIRLEY INFANT SCHOOL

(Registered in accordance with the Charities Act 1960 No. 1081056)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

24 September 2024 at 7.30pm

Ordinary Business

Attendees

- Kass Colley – Co-Chair
- Megan Cox (MC) – Co-Chair
- Lynsey Powell (LP) – Secretary
- Ali Rutt (AR) - Treasurer
- Cate Gregory – Headteacher (CG)
- Pete Gould – Chair of Governors (PG)
- Tabytha Greenhalgh
- Natalie Steel
- Annemarie Clayton
- Paul Lockhart
- Caroline Whitworth
- Emily Arbery
- Becky Paddock
- Tracey Sandall
- Hannah Brown
- Tamsyn Langton
- Rosanna Baggott
- Sally Hillier
- Waheedah Ahmed
- Sophie Eccles
- Gayle Doulton
- Charlotte Watts

1] Apologies for absence

The following individuals were unable to attend the meeting and sent their apologies:

- Rachel Ayrton
- Marie Naish
- Sophie Findlay
- Kirsty Hughes
- Hilary Pearson

2] Co-Chairs Report for 2023/2024

MC provided a thorough report on the work of FOSIS during the 2023/24 academic year covering the main fundraising events and activities as well as how the funds raised have been spent at the school.

Content was shared via a presentation, slides of which will be added to the Shirley Infant School website after the meeting for parents to be able to view.

MC explained that there are lots of exciting events coming up this academic year.

MC explained that one of the key items that FOSIS will be raising funds for this coming academic year is to get power to the new outdoor classroom, the replacement of the trim trail and the replacement of the Astro.

3] Treasurer's Report for 2023/2024

AR shared some more details around the financials for the committee, explaining which events had generated the most income as well as where some of the money has been spent.

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4] Election/re-election of Officers and Trustees of the Committee – Chair, Secretary, Treasurer and general committee members.

There were two vacant posts this year as a result of committee members moving onto new schools, Co-Chair and Treasurer.

- Natalie Steel put herself forward as Co-Chair and was seconded by individuals at the meeting.
- Paul Lockhart put himself forward as Treasurer and was seconded by individuals at the meeting.

LP invited attendees to volunteer for any of the remaining committee member roles (Co-Chair / Secretary) should they want to. No one came forward so Lynsey and Megan agreed to stay on for another (and final) year, both appointments were seconded by individuals in attendance. To confirm the individuals / roles are as follows:

- Megan Cox / Natalie Steel – Co-Chairs
- Paul Lockhart – Treasurer
- Lynsey Powell - Secretary

LP offered individuals the opportunity for anyone to shadow the roles of the committee in readiness to take over next year.

The following general committee members all nominated themselves to remain on the committee and were seconded by attendees at the meeting:

- Emily Arbery
- Annemarie Clayton
- Tabytha Greenhalgh
- Susan Kinch

Caroline Whitworth and Rachel Ayrton joined the committee as new general members.

LP explained that whilst we welcome new committee members, we also understand that it can feel quite daunting so offered attendees the opportunity to join a volunteer whatsapp group without commitment.

Special Business

5] Appointment of class representatives

The following individuals nominated themselves for the role of class rep and were seconded by attendees at the meeting:

Class reps

- **Year R**
Hedgehogs – Emily Arbery / Sophie Findlay
Otters – Katie Birts / Hilary Pearson
Squirrels – Kirsty Hughes / Rose Silva

- **Year 1**
Moles – Hannah Brown / Charlotte Watts
Rabbits – Caroline Whitworth / Tamsyn Langton
Owls – Waheedah Ahmad / Marie Naish

- **Year 2**
Beavers – Annemarie Clayton / Lydia Stammers
Badgers – Gayle Doulton / Tracey Sandall
Foxes – Rachel Madgwick / Rachel Ayrton

6] Update from the school

CG thanked the committee for all of their hard work for the past year and explained to the meeting that whilst the money that is raised through all the events is very gratefully received it's as much about creating a sense of community amongst parents, teachers and the children.

CG also explained the importance of the parent forum and thanked those parents who have volunteered to be class reps. She explained the value that the school sees in the opportunity to have two-way communication with parents and looking together for ways to make improvements.

CG explained that the school was going to have to replace the astro on the school field and as such would be looking for FOSIS to fund a contribution of £5k to the overall cost which is in the region of £25 - 40K.

PG echoed CG's thanks for the work of the committee and is looking forward to another successful year of events.

Any Other Business

MC closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and reminding people that if they did have any questions then please reach out to one of the committee members in person, on FB or via the fosis@shirleyschools.co.uk