



## Minutes Friends Meeting Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026 The Hub, Lavant Primary School at 7pm

1. **Welcome** – Siri Lundstrom, Kate Self, Lucy Budge, Faye Rogers, Nicky Taylor, Charlotte Mason, Holly Baron, Carly Charlick, Iolanda Martinho, Kirsty Marsh, Adrian King.
2. **Apologies** – Meg Faulkner, Chris Hicks, Olita Williams.
3. **Financial Overview** – Business account £2,155 Community account £39,384. Overview sent out with Fundraising and spent totals, most recently books for Woodpecker class. Bags for School picked up after the jumble raised £45 from 153kg. Duck race profit £410!
4. **Duck Race update** Use balloon pole, crafted by Will Hicks. Can use at all events going forward, lives in Hicks garage. Just ask Kate if needed. Reminder for all that if lots of people volunteer it can run easily, would ideally have at least 4 volunteers. Lucky dip had its own queue, one person specifically in charge of hot drinks, one person doing running and one in charge of card machine transactions makes it all a lot simpler.
5. **Upcoming events:**
  - a. Fathers Day Sale Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June. Who can help, **KS SL to check stock**, potentially buy flowers... **Kate Siri Nicky Chris**
  - b. Sports Day Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June We'll provide light refreshments + cans left from Duck race. Cheap Pain aux Chocolate in the oven. Will run cafe until mid morning. Kate/ Siri to check tea coffee levels. Friends agreed to buy kid ice lollies as usual. Helpers **Kate Siri Nicky Kirsty Lucy**
  - c. Village Fete Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June. Siri to order more lucky Dip items, Charlotte to wrap these. Jenny will give us Splat the Rat and Cornhole. Sara has asked that we bring our own school gazebo. Should be situated next to Youth Church. Helpers: **Siri Charlotte Nicky Lucy**
  - d. Summer Social Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July – Holding separate meeting at Chichester Inn, Weds 20<sup>th</sup> June 6pm.
  - e. Disco – Do we have time for a second one, does anyone want to take it on? **Kirsty agreed to run another disco. KS has emailed DJ Paul to check availability for Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June.**
  - f. **Bingo** Research meeting Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June at Selsey Arms. Lucy, Faye, Siri Kate, Charlotte, coming. Others welcome. Bingo event likely be held in Sept/October.
6. **AK update.** Hobbit House is ordered. Waiting for a delivery date. Cost £13,900 (ex vat cost). Will seat 21 children. Will be situated close to forest school. Friends has agreed to fund this. We might be asked to fund the resources for the interior. Idea to get get solar powered lighting in the future. Will assess use in winter without it. Hut

comes with sky light and windows. Hoping to have opening of the Hobbit House at Summer Social, use red ribbon in stock.

Charlotte and Mr Taylor have been involved along with Adrian to obtain quotes for a new sound & lighting system. One quote came in at £11k and one at £8. Still need to be analysed, as may not be like for like. May purchase the sound system first and then fundraise for lighting rig separately. Iolanda offered to look through them.

Potential need for further support in regard to sensory area, update to follow.

Basketball nets are on the back burner for now as so much else to buy and Hobbit House takes priority.

Adrian to ask school council if there is anything they really want that's easy like non uniform/break the rules day?

7. **Production license fee** Mr Taylor and Mr Worne, has asked if Friends will fund this, cost will be in the region of £1,000. Friends agreed.
8. AOB
9. **Communications and Engagement** The group discussed improving parent engagement and increasing volunteer support to ease the workload on committee members. Suggestions included more frequent Facebook updates, an A5 events overview for book bags, and sharing events via the Headteacher's newsletter and reading diaries. Siri will update the events sheet. It was also agreed to increase visibility at new parents' evening and create an A5 "Amazon review"-style leaflet, with quotes collected by Faye and Lucy, to encourage new volunteers..
10. **Second-Hand Uniform Initiative.** The group discussed developing a more visible and regular second-hand uniform initiative. Suggestion to collaborate with Eco Club to encourage regular uniform swapping. It was proposed that this could take place on Wednesdays, coordinated by Faye Rogers. Faye has spoken with Miss Parrott, who has expressed interest. The aim is to encourage families to both contribute items and browse available stock, improving engagement compared to previous efforts.
11. **Friends page on school website update.** Faye to start to collating pics to reflect our more recent events.
12. **Date for next meeting** for Summer Social - Weds 20<sup>th</sup> June 6pm. Chichester Inn

We are very happy to have had a number of people come forward to let us know they are happy to support at events. We will make an effort to ask them specifically:

Amy (Ediths Mum)  
Charmain (Jessies Mum)  
Iolanda (Maya's Mum)  
Justin (Maya's Dad)  
Helen (Seb & Evie Mum)  
Tina (Indie's Mum)  
Lorna (Cody's Mum)  
Roisin (Aoife and Saoirse's Mum)  
Lydia (Eliza and Orla Mum)

Stacey (Miss Ewens)  
Claire (Freya's Mum)