

# THE FRIENDS OF DEBENHAM HIGH SCHOOL

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2009 at 7:30pm

## Attendees:

Jane Baldwin, Andrew Bloom, Mike Crawshaw, Peter Gudde, Claire Harrison,  
Verity Mole, Kim Townley, Les Wright, Liz Clarkson, Catherine Warren, David Carruthers

### 1. Apologies

Juliette Crane, Hilary Magnall, Clare Sheehan, Lucy Fawkner,  
Julia Park-Newman

**Action  
Required**

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2009

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting. Corrections were made to the minutes and they were then agreed and approved.

**NCPTA website** - Peter reported that The Friends have renewed their membership with the national body of PTA organisations. Their web address is [www.ncpta.org.uk](http://www.ncpta.org.uk). Log-in details are available from Liz at [pvclarkson@google.com](mailto:pvclarkson@google.com).

**Constitution** - Peter signed the model Constitution witnessed by Liz. Copy to be sent to the Charities Commission.

**PG**

### 3. Website developments

Les gave a presentation of the updated webpages on The Friends of Debenham link. By using easy fundraising websites linked to high street stores, parents, teachers, pupils etc. can raise money for The Friends when they do their everyday shopping. For example, Tesco, M&S, Boden, Vodafone etc. are all accessible. It was suggested that people might like to place these linked websites onto their personal 'favourites' lists on their computers.

Andrew to check whether the school search engine could be switched to the Easy Search.

**AB**

David Carruthers suggested that emails should be sent to parents. It may be possible that the School children could also be shown the link so they could use it at home.

Andrew to arrange with Les to give a similar presentation to the parents at the Year 11 evening (date to be confirmed).

**LW/AB**

All the website information will be included in the spring newsletter.

**PG**

### 4. Fundraising Events and projects

**Auction of Promises** – all letters have now been sent out to businesses. Jane and Peter have asked for help on the night of the auction as follows;  
Door and Raffle - Offers needed

Bar - Peter and Sam also if available that night  
Food Team - Offers needed  
Admin - Hilary, Jane, Claire and Juliette  
Assisting the auctioneer Les to prepare a Powerpoint display of offers

Any offers of help much appreciated.

***The working party members are: Jane Baldwin, Juliette Crane, Claire Harrison, Peter Gudde and Hilary Magnall.***

**Other fundraising Project –**

**Foneclub** – draft letter announcing the new scheme to be approved by Mike. Poster ready for display/distribution pending Mike’s approval.

On approval, the Friends website link can go live.

**5. Treasurers’ Report**

No change since our last meeting.

**Total = £6,004.24**

**6. School News**

A new Assistant Head has been appointed.

Mike and Andrew reported on the budget meeting.

Mike asked for views on the peripatetic music teaching in terms of value for money.

Andrew gave the Friends a tour of the new building that is already being used for lessons. The consensus was that it was a lovely building and the finishes were of a high standard. Andrew confirmed that the School were equally proud of it. He went on to mention that as a result of the new building the intentions were to carry out some consequential improvements to the north face of the School, which would probably take place during the summer holidays.

**7. AOB**

The meeting felt that it would be appropriate if the Friends went out for a social drink at some time. Peter said he would sort out a suitable date and let everyone know.

The spring newsletter will be sent out next week, a black and white copy being given to the children. A colour copy will be available via the website.

**8. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting is set for Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April at 7.30 p.m.

**All to note**

**MC**

**LW**

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