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Dear Member

**Friends of Hollingworth Lake - MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 14 JULY CANCELLED**

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Unfortunately, the meeting scheduled for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July has been cancelled due to circumstances outside of our control.

Please note that the next meeting will now be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016 and will be a combined General and Annual General Meeting. Please note that the meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held at the Visitors Centre.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016, I confirm I will send out information in advance of this meeting.

Further meeting dates for 2016/17 are as follows;  
Thursday 5 January 2017  
Thursday 30 March 2017  
Thursday 29 June 2017

Yours sincerely

*Jane Taylor-Holmes*

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Secretary

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE  
MEMBERS MEETING 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE

R Smith, RS (Chair), V Ashworth, K Mills, F Mills, N Stanley, S Mills (Director / Trustee), R Street (Director / Trustee), J Bogg, P Carline, J Taylor (Director / Trustee), P Thornton, A Shingler – all above Members

OFFICERS

Steve, Ranger service

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed the members and the meeting commenced.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Tony Rumbelow, Joanna Dobbs, Elizabeth and Barry Cropper, Jill Greenwood, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Cllr A Stott, Nigel Eves (Treasurer)

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 March 2016 were approved as a correct record. Vivian Ashworth and Pat Carline.

**4. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising that were not due for discussion under the agenda items.

**5. Correspondence**

RS confirmed that he had received a letter of support for the trim trail equipment to be moved to Hare Hill Park, Littleborough from Ian Trickett, RMBC Environmental Management and therefore the project could commence.

**6. Treasurers Report**

Main Account - £645.00

Project Account - £3000 – allocated to the trim trail scheme

**7. Rangers Report.**

No report received

## 8. Projects

The Trim trail project can now commence to completion

Alternate Forces explained that they had not, as yet, received any information as to the proposed restructure from RMBC Environmental Management to Link 4 Life. The Group expressed some concern about the lack of information in relation to this issue. Mr Stanley and Mr Shingler agreed to try and progress this matter.

Rakewood Road footpath – Members asked what the latest position was. RS confirmed that this scheme had failed to get Council funding for 2015/16 but would be presented again to the funding Committee for 2017/18.

Dry Stone Walls – RS confirmed that a meeting had been held between himself and Cllr Emsley to inspect a number of dry stone walls. It was agreed that Cllr Emsley would undertake this scheme with funding from the Council but rebuilding one wall per year to therefore take three years to complete. (Update – after the meeting, all documentation referring to the above locations were given to Cllr Emsley to take forward. FoHL would have no future role in the scheme.

Wild Life Update –

JT explained that the bird boxes at the rear of the centre had not been as successful as last year, possibly due to weather patterns and once again the Great crested grebes had managed to raise one chick. The usual summer visitors had arrived and were busy nesting. JT had two events completed, a well attended nearly dawn chorus and a wet bat watch that was almost cancelled, which turned into a great evening with some very close encounters and the appearance of a different bat species that was not identified. JT had one more event coming up which will be taking the Green volunteers out on a dragonfly watch. JT was also hoping to do another Moth trap session later in the year for the Rochdale field naturalist society.

## 9. Safety Issues

Delivery Truck to Café Pavilion site – some concern was raised about the very large delivery truck which was delivering to the Pavilion café, the truck being used was too big and could cause danger to pedestrians. No further action was agreed.

## 10. Any other business

A member asked about the Rakewood Road Development and land ownership, RS agreed to make maps available – to be circulated by email, if hard copies are required, please contact the Secretary.

Ealees Valley footpath – again comments were made about the state of the footpath following flooding and where responsibility for maintenance lay. RS confirmed that it was his understanding that this was the responsibility of RMBC but there was no funding available to undertake the repairs.

**11. Date for next meeting**

14 July 2016 at The Visitors Center, 7.30pm – now cancelled, next meeting 15 September 2016