

Friends of Woodlands (FoW)– Meeting, 29th November 2024

Financial matters arising since the last meeting in August 2024

Enclosed with this report, for visibility, is the latest bank statement and below is a screenshot noting the current balance as of today's date - **£8,359**.

This is the same balance as noted at our meetings held throughout 2024. To confirm, there have been no transactions taking place during this calendar year with the balance remaining at **£8,359**.

The screenshot displays the 'FRIENDS OF WOODLANDS SCHOOL' bank account interface. At the top, it shows the balance as of 27/11/2024 at 22:36. Below this are two buttons: 'Make A Payment' and 'Download Statements'. The main section is divided into two columns. The left column shows the 'Available balance' as £ 8,358.70, with a link 'How your available balance works' and a '+' icon. Below this, it lists the 'Current balance' as £ 8,358.70, the 'Overdraft limit' as £ 0.00, and a note 'Excluded from your available balance' in red. The 'Remaining overdraft' is also £ 0.00. The right column displays account details: 'Account number' 6721021500, 'Sort code' 08-92-99, 'Account type' COMMUNITY DIRECT, 'Name' FRIENDS OF WOODLANDS SCHOOL, and 'Nickname' FRIENDS OF WOODLANDS SCHOOL. At the bottom of the right column is a link 'See more account details' with a '+' icon.

Immediate priorities -to be discussed and agreed.

- 1) **From the above funds we should follow through on the commitment made in the last meeting to fund the basket swing (as per the minutes circulated).**
- 2) Then, I'd suggest we now lock in a target to fundraise the full £21,000 noted in the email circulated by Janis Mullen which highlights the costs of two basket swings and a playframe (incl VAT and groundworks and survey costs).

Congratulations to all those involved from Woodlands in being able to accelerate the works at a much greater pace than was envisaged when we last met!

Janis and I caught up briefly this week to confirm that the £21,000 quoted covers all these costs.

Were we able to hit the target in the short-term, that would allow FoW to fully fund the costs (even if it is retrospectively), being the balance of £21,000 less those costs already funded in point 1) whilst at the same time replenishing funds.

- 3) **At the same time, building on point 2) working with the school to develop fundraising plans to support the outputs that come from the working group looking at further developments of the playgrounds.**
- 4) I should have some time on my hands from mid-December to support the above, together with preparation of a relaunch of **"Easyfundraising"** for the new year. To manage expectations, based on what I have seen to date, the latter won't perhaps be a massive money-spinner but nonetheless will be a helpful initiative raising funds and just as importantly, awareness.

Martin Shand
29th November 2024