

22 Sep 2025 FOBS AGM – [Minutes/notes](#)

Attendees: Jenny Ayres, Jo Reid, Bob Higton, Amy Boyd, Victoria Hasson, Ben Hasson, Stephen Harness, Hugo Marques, Sonia O, Gabriela Davidova.

Apologies: Clive Ricks

1. Welcome
2. Committee roles
3. Financial Statement

- Dispersal of Funds to date

BH presented the financials for the year 24/25. Went through amounts raised through events, and total donated to the school on various areas, including, School Panto, Book bags, new PA system, SEN equipment, EYFS stationery, KS2 iPads. BH will send summary accounts to Jenny to upload to school website. This should help parents see the outputs of what FOBS has actually funded / help add to the school, instead of just getting updates on how much money has been raised.

- Upcoming expenditure

Urgent need for charging trolley for iPads iro £800. Also would be good to get some DEI resources. However, major project for the year will be new playground structure for climbing - £8k minimum ideally, could cost around £16k – could do more publicity around fundraising goals, crowd funding). Aiming for summer 2026 so will raise as much as possible and depending on funds raised the modular system can be as big as possible.

Will apply for local grants, and will speak with Kier, (completing Botley road closure works) about social funding to the school.

Projected that FOBS could raise about £5k during the year, based on repeating the same events in 25/26.

Discussed need to market this project better with the goal, maybe some pictures of the equipment and what it might look like to get better parent support.

Charging station for Ipads is immediate priority – FOBS agreed to fund this, but with funds post Fireworks night, so agreed for School to purchase, and FOBS will reimburse when more fundraising cash has been raised.

4. Upcoming events

- Fireworks 14<sup>th</sup> Nov

- Distribution of tasks

Will get some roles assigned via the WhatsApp group, then will get arranged through SignUp. AB noted that around 45 volunteers were needed in total. JR confirmed that she would put staff volunteers directly into the same SignUp system for better clarity this year.

Clive Ricks to complete/update risk assessment again this year.

Clive Ricks to speak with, and arrange Fire marshall attendance.  
Bob Higton to sign up First Aider – First Aid Matters  
Bob Higton to finalise sponsorship with A Redhouse  
Stephen Harness to speak to other local companies/provide a list.

Bear Trail – Noted that feedback was received that it ended too soon before Fireworks start, creating a gap.

JR noted that Laura Jones will not be able to run this this year as not working, and date is her Birthday – JR to confirm if there will be staff this year to run this part of the night or not.

Prices

Agreed to increase prices, given no rise for at least 1 year. Agreed:

In Advance	Child £4	Adult £7	Family £18
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On the night	Child £5	Adult £10	Family £25
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Advertise as usual on facebook whatsapp, Sprout and other schools. Agreed not to do the physical banner as not used last year and not needed for numbers.

Will use mobile phones as card readers for SumUp devices as that is often easier, and then no further devices need to be bought by FOBS.

Same merchandise should be offered as prior year, as consensus was that it was popular – B Higton to arrange purchase.

Noted that Wifi details would be needed to be shared with FOBS volunteers for SumUp Users – J Ayres to arrange.

Will just play songs through the new PA system for entertainment pre-show. No room for any other form of entertainment on site.

Food prices will also increase – FOBS members to agree to this through WhatsApp group offline.

Spring Disco 6<sup>th</sup> March date was agreed.

Could try a Christmas disco - JR will check with staff, re capacity, 5<sup>th</sup> Dec might work.

May Day, sports day, Botley concert will occur again this year to raise more funds.)

## 5. Communication with parents

Link in with existing year group WhatsApp groups. AB check if there is someone in each year and if not get that info from Jenny. AB ask the FOBS WhatsApp to see if all year groups have a rep on the FOBS WhatsApp.

6. Volunteering and position of Secretary  
Hugo Marques, voted in as next Secretary.  
BH and CR voted in again to their current roles.

7. AOB
- Constitutional amendment to change term limits (AB).
  - 20<sup>th</sup> Oct next FOBS meeting re fireworks.