

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Chairman
Cllr. Joe Plant



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Miss L Wilkins

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Mrs C. Moore



Minutes of the open meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park)
25th January 2012 6.30 pm in the Normanby Room

Present - Owen Moore (in the chair), Kath Horsley, Carol Moore, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Walter Turner, Linda Sims, Joy Huish, Sorrel Hinchliffe (Volunteers), Chris Roe (SBC), Steve Smith, Amanda Smith (WTC), Karl Hansell (Whitby Gazette), Deb Gillanders

1 Apologies - Joe Plant, Kath Wood, Linda Wilkins, Bob Bennett, Marie Harland.

2 Minutes of the Open meeting 19th October 2011

The minutes were agreed correct.

To be put on the website.

Walter Turner asked if the Committee were satisfied with the amount of extra labour costs required for contingency fund planting. All agreed they were.

Local schools were well represented in helping in the park.

3 Minutes of the Management Committee meetings

5th October, 2nd November 2011.

The minutes were presented to the meeting. They had been available on the website.

December minutes have not yet been verified as there was no January Management Committee meeting.

5 Area Park Officer's Report

Chris Roe reported -

The mild autumn meant that routine maintenance work continued well into December. The newly formed Horticultural sub-group (Gill Wood, Linda Sims, Owen Moore, Keith Wright, Chris Roe) is looking at a range of issues: planting, training, visits & future projects. It will also look after the day to day running of the Community Garden. He group reports back to the Management Committee bi-monthly.

The Lily Pool has been emptied & the pump sent for service/repair. The cost of relocating the pump from beneath the pool is estimated at £6000 & it is not possible to apply for contingency fund spending for this.

Seasonal bedding was completed & due to the mild weather has flowered continually so far. The soil is being dug out from the rose beds, the sub-base being broken up, new soil & compost being incorporated & mycorrhizal fungi will be added at planting time in early spring. The herbaceous border has been stripped & new planting sought. This will be in the same style as the main drive border & will be planted in early spring.

Contingency spend -

- Notice board for Community Garden is ordered for February
- Lighting for main drive is ordered
- Additional water points - waiting reports from plumber & Yorkshire Water
- Rockery above clock is being planned by Horticultural sub-group
- Fernery at Bagdale entrance - plants have been sourced & awaiting delivery
- Roses - awaiting delivery - soil will then refill beds
- Completed -
 - * Crocus swathe - completed with the help of school children
15,000 corms were planted
 - * 6,000 corms were planted in Little Park
 - * further corms were planted on banks below play area
 - * plinth for time line has been added

Training -

- * Event Management/planning training for FPP starts next week
- * FPP are doing a 3 hour First Aid course, 23rd February
- * 10 Saturday morning Basic Skills in Horticulture courses start late February.

Kupe -

The chain saw sculpture of Kupe is at Stakesby Nurseries.

Decision needed as to exact siting.

Plans for unveiling in early stages.

Youth justice young people have been working in the park.

Whitby Community College student on work experience.

The new apprentice has been in post since November & is working on his NVQ alongside two full time members of staff.

A new apprentice is being sought for September 2012.

Halloween & Christmas events were very successful. Changes may be needed for events next year in order to comply with Whitby Art Gallery new policies.

6 Volunteers' report

Gill Wood reported -

Events & judging during the summer required the park to look at it's best.

Volunteers worked on weeding, planting, edging, pruning & dead heading.

Feedback from the public has been very positive, both verbally & in the comments book.

In November local school pupils joined us in planting the crocus swathe.

The Lily Pool was cleared & drained for winter maintenance in December.

Volunteers took a four week break over Christmas & re-started in mid January.

Volunteer gardening hours for the last twelve months are 1422.

The full, detailed Volunteers' report can be read in the resources section of the Pannett Park website.

7 Police Report

No representative was available for the meeting.

Chris Roe reported on 6 acts of vandalism which were soon corrected.

PCSOs have now doing the work formerly done by the Park Wardens.

8 Date of next open meeting - Wednesday 25th April 2012

Dates of meetings & events 2012 are in the Resources section of the website.

The business section of the meeting was followed by a talk by Deb Gillanders about Maori culture & links to the South Seas Garden



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