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Minutes of the open meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park)  
19<sup>th</sup> October 2011 6.30 pm in the Normanby Room

Present - Joe Plant (Chair), Owen Moore (Vice Chair), Carol Moore (Treasurer),  
Linda Wilkins (Secretary), Joy Huish, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Bob Bennett,  
Michael Kilpatrick, (Volunteers) Chris Roe (SBC),  
Inspector Andy Colbourne (Whitby Police), Steve Smith, Amanda Smith,  
Judy Vasey, Alan Ritson.

- 1 Apologies - Kath Horsley, Linda Sims, Walter Turner.
- 2 Minutes of the Open meeting 20<sup>th</sup> April 2011  
The minutes had been agreed correct at the AGM.
- 3 Minutes of the Management Committee meetings  
1<sup>st</sup> June 2011, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2011, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2011, 7<sup>th</sup> September 2011.  
The minutes were presented to the meeting. They had been available on the website.
- 4 Election of Management Committee members  
Gill Wood and Bob Bennett were elected to the Management Committee.
- 5 Area Park Officer's Report  
Chris Roe reported -  
Contingency spend - total £170,443 in contingency fund

Spent - Extension of Project Officer's contract	£ 54 497
Capital overspend	53 852
PA system	4 369
Roses - St Hilda's Terrace & borders	2 000
Chimes	500
Approved - South Seas artwork	£ 4 000
Blue Atlantic Cedar	3 500
Terrace rose borders	13 038
Herbaceous border	4 980
Harry Eatough bed	2 200
Crocus swathe	4 665
South Seas interpretation	1 500
Wildflowers	4 150
3 additional seats	2 020
Time line	1 000

Total spent/approved so far £156 271  
Remaining £14 172

Still to be applied for - extra speakers for PA system, additional lighting for drive, improved water supply near Lily Pool, re-planting rockery 5, fernery for Bagdale entrance.

Discuss a ceremony to unveil Kupe, next MC meeting.

The only item turned down for contingency spending is a second volume of the history of Pannett Park. To discuss using revenue budget to fund this, next MC meeting.

The apprentice has now completed his NVQ. His work has been excellent and all wished him well for the future. The two applicants for this year's apprenticeship will be interviewed next week. Recruiting has proved difficult through Whitby Community College & NYCC found the two applicants. It is hoped that in future young people will come through with an interest in horticulture from the enthusiastic gardening groups in the other Whitby schools.

2011 has been a wonderful year for the park. The Green Flag was awarded for the second year, the park was awarded Silver Gilt in Yorkshire in Bloom, Whitby was awarded Gold in Britain in Bloom & won the category and the park was nominated for a discretionary ward as best public park of the year.

Helens contract has now been terminated and local firms are being sought to complete the snagging work. This includes replacing the bricks in the octagon, repairing the footpath near the Commemorative garden, resolving ponding in the car park & replacing the oak in the arches in the Commemorative Garden.

The pump is under the Lily Pool & can't be repaired until the water can be drained when the newts leave next month. Moving the pump to a more accessible place is being considered.

The Play Area passed it's annual ROSPA inspection. However a crack was found in the base of the Mayflower & it is to be replaced free of charge under a ten year warranty.

## 6 Police Report

Inspector Andy Colbourne reported -

Police aims are to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour and to keep Whitby as one of the top tourist resorts. Due to pro-active policing crime is down by 69 on last year and anti-social behaviour is down 3%. Drug related incidents are up because of a "no blind eye" policy. In 2010 in Pannett Park there were 17 incidents of crime and anti-social behaviour. In 2011 there have been 4 incidents so far. 4<sup>th</sup> March- a tree snapped in half (no witnesses), 6<sup>th</sup> June - criminal damage, nail varnish graffiti (4 arrests), 24<sup>th</sup> June - males taking money from pond, 14<sup>th</sup> September - basket with personal belongings stolen from unattended pram (no witnesses)

Plans are made in advance for policing special events.

There has been a meeting to discuss James who often sleeps in the park. It is possible he may have mental instability. If he commits a crime he will be arrested and assessed. Advice is to call police if anti-social behaviour is observed - new 101 number will soon be available.

Street Safe programmes will run during school holidays, in conjunction with the Youth Shack.

Chris Roe said the Restorative Justice Programme is working well and PCSOs patrol the park regularly.

7 Date of next open meeting - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012

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

The business section of the meeting was followed by a most interesting talk about wild flowers and hints to help identification, by Alan Ritson of Whitby Naturalists.



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