

SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Chairman
Cllr. Joe Plant



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Secretary
Miss L Wilkins

Treasurer
Mrs C. Moore



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park
(including Little Park)
20th June 2011 6.30 pm in the Art Gallery

Present - Joe Plant(chair), Owen Moore (vice chair), Carol Moore (treasurer)
Linda Wilkins (secretary), Chris Roe (Area Parks Officer)
Walter Turner, Joy Huish, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Kath Wood, Linda Sims
(volunteers), Heather Coughlan (WTC), Roger Burnett (SBC), Mike Kilpatrick,

1. Election of Chairman

Cllr. Joe Plant was re-elected as chairman of the Friends of Pannett Park.

2. Apologies - Susan Davies (Whitby in Bloom), Cllr Marie Harland (SBC),
Mark Edwards, Kath Horsley, Bob Bennett

3. Minutes of the AGM 21st June 2010

The minutes were confirmed as correct and signed by the chairman.

4. Minutes of the Open Meeting 20th April 2011

The minutes were confirmed as correct and signed by the chairman.

5. Minutes of the Management Committee meetings 6th April, 4th May 2011

The minutes were presented to the meeting.

6. Election of Management Committee

The following were elected to the Management Committee of the Friends of Pannett Park.

Owen Moore (vice-chair), Linda Wilkins (secretary), Carol Moore (treasurer), Joy Huish, Linda Simms, Kath Horsley (volunteers).

The following will also be on the committee -
Cllr Heather Coughlan & Cllr Dennis Collins (Whitby Town Council)
Cllr Marie Harland & Cllr Joe Plant (Scarborough Borough Council)
Susan Davies (Whitby in Bloom)

7. Changes to the constitution.

The proposed changes to the constitution were agreed.
Constitution to be posted on the website.

8. Financial Report.

The financial report given by the treasurer, Carol Moore, was received.
Accounts audited by Chris Hunter.
Thanks were expressed to Carol Moore for her work.

9. Volunteers' Report

Gill Wood gave a report on behalf of the volunteers.

Nest box maintenance was completed and two tree creeper boxes installed.

The wildlife border, Chubb Hill, rockeries & the heather beds were tidied and the paths were edged.

Students from Rawmarsh Community School helped to install the obelisks on the main drive. They potted up roses and did some weeding.

In March the rose beds & floral clock were weeded, the herbaceous borders & play area were tidied, path edging continued and the roses were fed & watered. Seasonal pruning was carried out along peony steps and in the garrya eliptica bed. Prunings were shredded & returned as a mulch. The Community Garden was weeded & the new climbing roses were planted at the rose pergola near the lily pool.

In April the Lily Pool area was weeded and the phormiums tidied. The Floral Clock got a feed of seaweed which helped boost the planting. The Jurassic garden was tidied and watering continued. The rose garden and main entrance were tidied for the Easter event & Chubb Hill border got lots of attention.

In May the hydrangeas were pruned & a splendid training day was held at RHS Harlow Carr. We came back busting with ideas for new planting. We prepared the lily pool area for Lily Planting Day. It was wonderful to see the difference the restoration has made to that area.

At the end of the month the park was assessed by the Green Flag judges so work focused on preparing for that.

Steve Reynolds & Paul Thompson (SBC) were very impressed by the high standard at which we were presenting the park & how well we all work together as a team.

The month finished by clearing the bedding displays, weeding Chubb Hill entrance and a lot more watering.

At the beginning of June we returned to the lily pool where the weeds grow so vigorously and kept our eye on weed re-growth generally. Volunteer gardening hours for this year are.....752. Since 2005:8668. Roger Burnett said this equated to £69,000. Thanks were expressed to the volunteers for all their work.

10. Police report

The police were unable to attend but Chris Roe reported on the good working relationship between the police and the park staff. It was suggested a letter of thanks be sent for the work of the PCSOs in the park.

Possibly invite Inspector Mark Grange to the next Management committee meeting.

11. Area Park Officer's Report

Chris Roe reported -

It has been an exciting year with the award of the Green Flag in 2010 being one of the highlights.

Snow caused damage to some plants and a request has been made to HLF for replacements through the contingency fund.

There is a proposal to use contingency fund for art work in the south Seas Garden.

The hot, dry spring has necessitated much watering - almost daily.

There have been visits to the park by descendants of the Kirby family, Esk Valley Gardening group, St John Ambulance Fellowship and Friends of North & South Marine Park.

Yorkshire in Bloom judging is on 13th July from 10 to 12. It would be good if volunteers could be gardening that morning and meet the judge - Richard Hibberd.

CR & JP are meeting Steve Reynolds & Paul Thompson (SBC) next week to update the Management Plan.

Questions - Walter Turner asked about Union Steps & the planting of the rockery there. The planting is due to be reviewed by CR & KW. The steps are the responsibility of NYCC. CR to contact Nick West.

JP introduce Roger Burnett (SBC) to the meeting. He explained his new role in the community & Environment Unit. He will support volunteer groups across the Borough. He may be able to provide materials for projects (eg teak oil for the benches in the park) Also advice on funding. Sheila Johnson will help with the Bloom portfolio and risk assessments for events.

12. Water for birds

Gill Wood asked the Management committee to reconsider their decision not to provide water for birds in the park.

The committee have taken advice from the Whitby Naturalists and the BTO and have been advised against this. There is a problem with spreading of disease by creating artificial water sites if they are not checked and cleaned on at least a weekly basis.

Roger Burnett suggested the possibility of creating a shallow area in the Lily Pool. To be discussed at next Management committee meeting.

13. Date of next meeting

AGM - Monday 25th June 2012, 6.30 in the Art Gallery



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