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Minutes of the meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 2nd February 2011 2 pm in the Normanby Room

Present - Joe Plant, Owen Moore, Carol Moore, Linda Wilkins, Kath Horsley, Joy Huish, Linda Sims, Marie Harland, Keith Wright.
Joe Plant welcomed Dennis Collins to the committee as the new WTC representative.

78 Apologies –
Heather Coughlan, Chris Roe, Susan Davies, Mark Edwards.

79 Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 5th January 2011
The minutes were agreed correct .

80 Matters arising from the minutes

1. Christmas dinner – it was a very enjoyable evening.

2. Events 2011 –
   a) visit to RHS Harlow Carr – 11th May 2011
      entry is free as FPP are members of the RHS
      the cost of coach hire may not be met by HLF - propose a £5 per head charge to cover this if necessary.

   b) it will not be possible to hold a plant sale on 2nd April

   c) the water lily planting needs to be later in the year – 14th May
      Invite Captain Kirby's family
      Refreshments needed – see Pam

   d) Easter event – all agreed a small group should plan this –
      Carol Moore, Owen Moore, Linda Wilkins, Joy Huish, Linda Sims, Kath Horsley. Meeting – Friday11th February 11am

3. Nest boxes – Walter Turner has checked the bird boxes & also made new boxes. Thanks to Walter for this and to Walter and Ron Wood for fixing the boxes.

81 Open Meeting 26th January
It was agreed the minutes should be put on the website "subject to confirmation.

82 Treasurer's report

Carol Moore reported -

Insurance has been renewed. 50 free trees (whips) have been planted.

All agreed to purchase 10 chairs for use in gazebo, cost £200

Chris Roe requested FPP put aside £300 for refreshments to entertain visiting groups. This was approved subject to HLF funding not being available.

It was agreed that any surplus remaining after the purchase of water lilies should be retained for maintenance and replacement.

83 Area Parks Manager Report

Keith Wright reported –

The sundial is now in place and the beds around it tidied.

The summer rockeries are still to plant up.

The banks have been measured to assess them for new legislation relating to grass cutting. There will be a new mowing plan. The wildflower areas are the steepest and will get an annual strim.

The apprentice is doing well and is ahead of schedule for his NVQ. His late start date could cause problems with his next year's education plans. Report at next meeting on Gary's progress and recruitment for next year.

Green Flag status has been applied for, 2011, - judging will be in May. Application to be available at next meeting Feedback from 2010 judging available – to circulate to committee

Brian Bennett is sorting out, with Chris Roe, the events licence for the park.

Chris Roe is meeting the Youth Justice Panel and an enforcement officer.

Hellens are returning in March to work on the defects list. This includes improved pointing around the Lily Pool and the brickwork on the terrace. Chris Bourne is dealing with the dispute relating to the de-lamination of the timber in the commemorative garden. The final sign off is in March and the retained money will only be paid when all faults are rectified.

84 Budget

A sound system is to be purchased from the contingency fund.

Joe Plant, Owen Moore and Chris Roe met Chris Bourne on January 18th to discuss the Budget. Summary sheet to be circulated to committee. The Capital budget is spent and also a substantial amount of the contingency fund. Much of the additional spending was on a 6 month extension to Robert Everiss' salary, as the works had been delayed due to various problems and on additional planting. Some of this was due to beds being totally cleared, between St Hilda's Terrace and the play area, which should not have been cleared. This necessitated the purchase of expensive mature trees and shrubs to replace them.

Money remains in the budget for the ten year management plan, including events, interpretation, marketing and training. Chris Bourne to be invited to the next meeting to explain the situation to the committee.

85 Constitution

Changes to the constitution were discussed for approval at the AGM.
New constitution to be available on the website prior to the AGM.

86 Whitby in Bloom

Scarecrows – need to know more about this idea – where will they be displayed, when and for how long? To contact Susan Davies
FPP feel their biggest contribution to Whitby in Bloom will be ensuring that the park looks great for the judging.
FPP are happy for the Bloom group to borrow the gazebo for their launch in March, also the new sound system if they need it.

87 Coordinating group visits

Gill Wood and Chris Roe have produced a plan for looking after visiting groups.
Gill has offered training for volunteer guides.
Esk Valley gardening group are visiting on Monday 9th May at 7.30 pm.

88 Publicity

Joint Marketing Group
Linda Wilkins reported –
JMG leaflets and posters have been put on hold until the budget situation is more clear. To contact Marcus Byron
Jurassic Garden leaflet re-print – do be decided later.
Jurassic Garden interpretation board was ordered in November and will go ahead.
Beth Veitch, Whitby Museum Education Officer, is sending a pack to local schools and is including information relevant to school visits to the park and Art Gallery.

A-board -
Kath Horsley reported –
Robert Lammerton provided a mock up of the FPP A-board. All agreed it was what was required and decided on a dry-wipe section for daily messages. To be a white frame and green background. Also to purchase a chalk board. To confirm.

89 Community Garden

Plans were launched at the Open Meeting on 26th January.
Groups showing interest are – MIND, Churches Together, West Cliff School, Dalewood Trust and Community Education. There may also be a demonstration bed. The committee were agreed that they were not happy with a plan for rows of 2 x 2 metre square beds. They feel there should be flexibility and perhaps the size and shape of bed should be discussed when the plan is submitted.
Update on progress at next meeting.

90 Bird feeding station

Chris Roe suggests a collection of plants which encourage birds rather than a feeding station. Could this be a feature of the Community Garden and provide information?

91 SBC events programme

Joy Huish and Gill Wood receive information about volunteer garden group activities In the Scarborough area. FPP events are included in this.

92 AOB

1. Elections 5th May 2011 for both SBC and WTC. In the weeks leading up to the election councillors will not be able to have a high profile in park events.
   Owen Moore will need to take a higher profile and be responsible for press releases in place of Joe Plant. If not re-elected any councillors will need replacing on the committee.

2. Linda Sims offered help in writing press releases – all agreed she should do this.

3. There was a good write up in the Whitby Gazette about the installation of the sundial.

4. Walter Turner raised the issue, though a letter to the chair of the Lit & Phil for approval, that in an article in the Lit & Phil Annual Review about the celebration of the restoration of the park in June 2010 there was no mention of FPP.
   The committee agreed unanimously that they were delighted by the article, and by articles in previous years' reports where FPP were credited, and did not feel it appropriate to write to the Lit & Phil.

5. Photography competition – there may be space in the Art Gallery to display entries in a summer competition. Could be part of a JMG venture.

6. Linda Sims suggested Tai Chi in the park – John Young is a possible "teacher"

7. Gill Wood has offered to up-date the FPP display boards – all agreed she should do this. Any "old" materials will be kept.

8. New visits to the website are up this month.

Date of next meetings - Wednesday 2nd March in the Normanby Room
2011 – 1st Wednesday of every month

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