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Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park)

26th January 2011 6.30 pm in the Art Gallery

Present - Joe Plant (chair) Owen Moore (vice chair) Chris Roe (SBC)
Linda Wilkins (secretary) Carol Moore (treasurer) Gill Wood, Ron Wood,
Walter Turner, Kath Horsley, Kath Wood, Joy Huish, Linda Sims,
Ian McCready Tony Dominiak (volunteers) Dennis Collins (WTC)
Frank Doyle (Churches Together) Sarah Skidmore (Mind) PCSO Lynne Butler.

Apologies - Keith Wright, Mark Edwards

21 Minutes of the Open Meeting 22nd September 2010

The minutes were agreed correct.

22 Minutes of the Management committee meetings

1st September, 6th October, 3rd November 2010.

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

23 Area Park Manager's Report

Chris Roe reported -

- Planting was held up due to the bad weather
- Roses are on order
- Plans for beds on St Hilda's Terrace have been submitted to NYCC
- Chris Bourne is working with TGP to resolve the de-lamination of the wood in the Commemorative Garden
- Hellens will return in March to complete all end of contract jobs, including litter bin fixing, mortar in stonework, shakes in fence posts around play area, stone label in Jurassic Garden, temperature sensor on fountain, tarmac path edges.

- The chimes in the play area are to be replaced by a vertical noughts and crosses board. HLF have given permission for contingency fund money to be used.
- The sundial designed and made by James Godbold is now in place.
- Some poor quality plants will be replaced by the suppliers.
- There will be a final walk round before the handover from Hellens.

24 Volunteer's Report

Gill Wood reported on the work of volunteer gardeners between June 2010 and January 2011.

Gardening in the park during the summer months involved much routine maintenance of the bedding displays, rose beds and prestige areas like the lily pond. Because the In Bloom judges visited the park in early July, followed by Green Flag celebrations, the park needed to look its best and these areas got plenty of attention together with the entrances and the herbaceous borders. As the summer months were very dry a great deal of watering was done.

Volunteers particularly enjoyed working in the newly planted borders where the bark mulch made weeding easier.

Dalewood Trust gardeners work in the park on Wednesday afternoons and up to November had put in 100 community hours.

The face of the floral clock was pressure washed to remove moss and looks much better.

In the autumn spring bedding was planted and underplanted with bulbs. Roses were pruned.

Bulb planting was completed in November, mainly by the park gardeners. Areas behind the seats were cleared for the new roses.

Snow in November put a stop to gardening but created wonderful opportunities for photographs and a video, to be found on the website.

Work started again in January with work on the borders and clearing and replacing nest boxes.

Volunteer gardening hours were 1519 for 2010. (compared with 933 in 2009)

Chris Roe thanked the volunteers for all their work.

25 Police Report

PCSO Lynne Butler reported -

There have been nine incidents in the park since September, including graffiti, criminal damage and drinking. The tramp is continually being moved on but continues to be a problem.

CCTV cameras are working well and schools are helping with identification. The camera behind the museum is less effective as the images are very dark. Dennis Collins (WTC) agreed to look into this.

There is a good working relationship between police and park staff.

26 Community Garden

This is a high profile area so it must look good.

An agreement for users has been written by SBC legal department.

Organic gardening will be encouraged.

Each group requesting a plot will be asked to submit a plan and discuss it with the Community Garden sub-committee before the lease is signed.

Plots should be ready in March, with the turf stripped off and single dug.

Groups showing interest are - Mind, West Cliff School, Adult Education, Dalewood Trust and Churches Together. There may also be a demonstration plot.

Raised beds can be requested.

May be some Adult Education classes on Saturday mornings relating to the Community Garden.

There was a request from the floor that size and shape of beds could be flexible.

26 Any Other Business

- The signage for the play area is poor quality. What would be the cost of replacing it?
- A request that no more beds be grassed over
- Health walks will start in March
- The budget will become public when the project is completed.
- The park has a 10 year management plan under the terms of the HLF grant.
- Whitby in Bloom ask if anyone would like to make a scarecrow.

27 Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20th April 2011 6.30 in the Art Gallery