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Mr R R Bennett

Vice chair
Mrs L Sims

Secretary
Miss L Wilkins

Treasurer
Miss E A Noble

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park
(including Little Park)
30th June 2022 3.30 pm Pannett Art Gallery

Present - Richie Sanderson, Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Anne Noble, Linda Sims, Nigel Dixon, Glen Goodberry, Heather Coughlan, Lorraine Emery, Gill Wood, Ron Wood.

1. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Bob Bennett was elected as Chair of the Friends of Pannett Park.

Nigel Dixon was elected Vice Chair of the Friends of Pannett Park.

Linda Sims was thanked for her work on the committee & as vice chair.

2. Apologies

Sorrel Hinchliffe Steve Smith, Amanda Smith, Kath Horsley,
Amanda Smith, Walter Turner, Chris Edey.

3. Minutes of the AGM 23rd June 2021

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

4. Election of Management Committee

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

Linda Wilkins (secretary)

Anne Noble (treasurer)

Kath Horsley, Sorrel Hinchliffe.

5. Financial Report.

The financial report, given by the treasurer, Anne Noble, was received. £6530.68 in the bank at the end of the financial year.

Accounts prepared by Simon Gibson.

Accepted unanimously.

Full copy of accounts filed with minutes.

6. SBC report

Richie Sanderson reported -

It was good to see official volunteer gardening restart in the autumn.

In February Whitby Town Mayor, Councillor Linda Wild, planted one of the three park “Queen’s Green Canopy” trees.

The drive was eventually made good after being dug up to repair an electrical fault.

The heavy pruning of the box around the clock worked really well & the clock looks better than ever.

Euonymous has been removed from the top of the bank.

New planting on Peony Steps is establishing.

Dahlias again feature in the summer bedding and will continue to in future.

The flooding of the rose bed during the winter, caused by a blocked drain, has not caused any damage to the plants.

The bed at the bottom of the steps has been replanted with “Glad Tidings”

The Lily Pool Lion’s Head planting, rocks around the fountain & water lilies look great.

The planters on the terrace were topped up with soil rather than compost in an attempt to deter vandals disturbing the plants. This seems to be working.

The area of the Jurassic Garden where the willow tree fell & caused damage needs attention.

Thanks to the work of SBC staff & FPP the park looks great.

Heather Coughlan passed on the thanks of Whitby Town Council to the SBC staff & FPP for their work in the park.

7. FPP report

Bob Bennett reported -

As always the park has looked stunning.

There was no Yorkshire in Bloom judging in 2020. However electronic entries were made. The park achieved certificates for: “Best of Yorkshire Awards”... “Yorkshire in Springtime”... “Yorkshire in Summertime” and “By Heck that’s Good”.

Green Flag judging, by a mystery shopper resulted in the Green Flag for the park and also a Heritage Site award. We enjoyed a small celebration when Richie hoisted the flag.

May 2022 saw us welcome Green Flag judges back to the park. They certainly seemed impressed and were very helpful with their advice and tips.

The Christmas tree in the park welcomed in the festive season but the gales caused a degree of aggravation, which Nigel and Ron sorted heroically. Ron Wood also did the official switch on for us and Mrs. Roe's famous Christmas cake along with mulled wine and mince pies, gave us a much needed social occasion.

The FPP tree featured in St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival, thanks to Linda and Michael for sorting that.

Union Steps Rockery has undergone an epic revamp, thanks to all the volunteers who planted hundreds of new bulbs and thank you to Nigel for taming the Acanthus and repositioning assorted clumps of Snowdrops etc. Bulbs were also planted in Little Park & the St Hilda's Terrace border.

Vandalism seems to have diminished of late.

We have moved Louis to a safer roost under a video camera.

Easter in the Park was a low key event this year but was extremely well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We made a start oiling the benches and updated the 'oily bench map' as we were going. Still more to do but the summer is still young (ish)

The Friends manned some games at the WTC Picnic in the Park.

Caedmon College used their laser cutter to produce cardboard crowns for the youngsters to decorate. It proved to be a very enjoyably regal event.

Last but not least I would like to thank everyone for all their efforts in the park, particularly the SBC team, now once again with added Geoff. A special mention for our latest apprentice, Otis, whose wildlife and landscape photography has been very impressive, and of course Richie who has launched himself into managing the park.

Glenn Goodberry passed on the thanks of Councillor Linda Wild for the help of FPP at the Jubilee picnic in the park.

8. Changes to constitution

It was unanimously agree to make the following changes to the constitution -

A iii add "Park Keeper"

General meetings - change to two per year
one in March/April
one, the AGM, in October

Page 3, first paragraph - remove "the press"

In addition, from 1st April 2023 - A i - change
Scarborough Borough Council to North Yorkshire Council