

Chairman
Mr R R Bennett

Vice chair
Mr N Dixon



Secretary
Miss L Wilkins

Treasurer
Miss E A Noble

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park (including Little Park)

19th October 2023 3.30 pm Normanby Room

Present - Otis Bailey, Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Anne Noble, Nigel Dixon,
Cllr. Heather Coughlan, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Cllr. Neil Swannick.
Sue Oates, Keith Wright.

1. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

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

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

2. Apologies

Sorrel Hinchliffe, Kath Horsley, Chris Edey, Linda Sims.

3. Minutes of the AGM 22nd June 2022

The minutes were confirmed as correct.

Proposed HC, seconded AN, all agreed.

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, Keith Wright.

Nomination form filed with minutes.

5. Financial Report.

The financial report, given by the treasurer, Anne Noble, was received.

Accounts prepared by Simon Gibson.

£8093.01 in bank, 31st March 2023.

Accepted unanimously, proposed HC, seconded NS.

Full copy of accounts filed with minutes.

NS asked if FPP had considered charging a membership fee.

FPP aim to keep a bank balance of at least £3000, so this is not an issue currently. Another option could be a secure donation box in the park.

6. NYC report Otis Bailey reported -

The park was awarded the Green Flag again this year, which is a testament to the hard work and dedication of the Friends of Pannett Park and the park staff.

The summer bedding in the park was outstanding this year, adding a vibrant and colourful touch to the park.

The wildflower area on the race course looked beautiful this year, providing a natural habitat for bees and other pollinators.

The plants for Chub Hill entrance have been ordered and I'm expecting to collect them in the week commencing the 6th November.

The twin rockeries in the park burst into life this year, adding a unique and interesting feature to the park. I couldn't be happier with how it turned out and hearing all of your thoughts and feedback makes me think that feelings between everyone are mutual.

The community garden seat space now has a seat and Bob and I are expecting to place the flagstone in the space in the coming weeks after spring bedding is planted.

Stephen Bailey, the park apprentice, has successfully completed his first year and has proved to be an asset to the team.

Richie Sanderson has moved on from the park and I wish him good luck in his new role.

I am extremely grateful for all the hard work that the Friends of Pannett Park have put in over the years, and I appreciate their support since I started nearly 5 years ago.

HC expressed the thanks of WTC for the park looking so beautiful.

NS & GW expressed his concern about recent vandalism at the Lily Pool and asked for further information. OB has been in contact with PC Henderson and is awaiting a follow up interview. NYC staff have visited the park to assess what is required of the two new CCTV cameras they are to install. NS has recently met with the police inspector with regard to policing in the community and plans to follow up with more information and photographs on incidents in the park

7. FPP report Bob Bennett reported -

As always the park has looked stunning.

The owls were returned to the park, supported by a sleeper which Steve Iredale, the original artist, carved leaves into, blending in with the original sculpture.

A small plaque was added explaining why the owls needed repositioning.

During the winter cleaning of the Lily Pool Gill managed to join that elite band of cold water swimmers and without the benefit of a wet suit.

The Christmas tree in the park welcomed in the festive season but sadly, the weather prevented us having our usual social occasion. The FPP tree featured once again in St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival, thanks to Chris and Sue for implementing that. Christmas lunch at the Saxonville was as good as ever.

The park was represented at the Estuary Day event in February.

We worked closely with Helen & Miriam to create a bird trail in the park to complement the Soper collection garden birds in the art gallery.

The Yorkshire Fossil Festival came to the park this year. It was quite an extravaganza and wonderful to see that the museum terrace was obviously designed for dinosaurs.

The Friends manned some games at the WTC Picnic in the Park, celebrating the coronation of HM King Charles III. It proved to be a very enjoyable event and a good time was had by all.

The Friends were delighted to present the RHS affiliated societies award, for making a difference, to Otis.

We enjoyed seeing Otis' vision for the twin rockeries come to fruition.

It was quite unanimous that the summer 2023 planting of the floral clock was the best ever.

Green Flag judging, by a mystery shopper, resulted in another Green Flag for the park and also a Heritage Site award. We enjoyed a small celebration at the new flag raising.

Another major cause for celebration of course was Ron's birthday.

The Community Garden bloomed again, thanks to Sandra's sunflowers, Nigel's Three Sisters planting and a communal effort in the veg plot to grow beans, pumpkins, artichokes, potatoes, rhubarb etc.

Last but not least I would like to thank everyone for all their efforts in the park, particularly the SBC/NYC team. A special mention for Otis who is now in charge!

Thanks to Richie for all he has done in the park & good luck with the bins.