

# Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee

5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 10.30, zoom meeting

**Present** - Chris Roe, Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Nigel Dixon, Kath Horsley, Anne Noble, Linda Sims  
Apologies - Heather Coughlan

## **SBC Report** - CR

Keith Wright has decided to retire, after 42 years working for the parks department. All very sad to see him go but wish him well.

Richie Sanderson will take over his role temporarily.

Approach to be made to WTC to extend their sponsorship of a park apprentice.

Restoration of Ginkgo bed on Peony Steps -

Will be the basis of Richie's major NVQ project.

Ginkgo & pear to remain, holly has been moved to area behind outdoor classroom, remainder to be cleared

This year the area will be used by Otis for his seed sowing assessment, hardy annuals.

Richie will then draw up plans to present to MC for permanent planting for the following year.

Planting around the Gardener also to be reinvigorated

A conifer will be planted to replace the one felled on the sweep, in a different location.

Stones have been placed in front of the Little Free Library where the grass was becoming very muddy.

A hand rail at Bagdale Steps will be fitted in the next two weeks.

All park litter bins will be replaced in the next two weeks.

The Macrocarpa near the Lily Pool was pruned as it was affecting street lighting.

It is expected summer will be very busy due to the covid situation.

## Questions

GW - request to investigate the squirrel contraceptive recently approved by the government. CR to discuss with SBC ecologist.

SH - has there been any Green Flag judging feedback? No report from mystery shopper but MS has feedback on desktop & heritage assessments which will be shared. We should also receive copy of the certificate. 2021 should be a formal judging between March and May. Many compliments about how good the park has looked this year. We should recognise the massive contribution Otis has made. No information yet about Yorkshire in Bloom 2021.

Has one of the Magnolias died? It will be replaced.

KH - The Lily Pool is very full, does it have an overflow? The overflow pipe is a very small bore and may be blocked. The bung in the bottom of the pool will be removed next week to drain some water out.

There seems to be a gap in the Narcissus behind the outdoor classroom. To check it out when in full flower.

RB - When is the play area equipment due to be returned? There have been long delays getting spare parts from Germany. The Mayflower part took six weeks. Other parts are promised in the next two weeks.

## Future meetings

CR suggested inviting all volunteers to future zoom meetings.

Next meeting Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 10.30.