

# SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

Chairman  
Mr R R Bennett

Vice chair  
Mrs L Sims



Secretary  
Miss L Wilkins

Treasurer  
Miss a Noble

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park  
(including Little Park)  
20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 4 pm in the Normanby Room

Present - Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Anne Noble, Linda Sims,  
Roger Parsons, Lynne Brunskill, Heather Coughlan, Nigel Dixon.

1. Election of Chair & Vice Chair

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

2. Apologies

Kath Horsley, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Joe Plant, Walter Turner,  
Amanda Smith, Steve Smith, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Keith Wright, Chris Roe.

3. Minutes of the AGM 21<sup>st</sup> June 2017

The minutes were confirmed as correct and signed by the chairman.  
To be put on the website.

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, Nigel Dixon, Sorrel Hinchliffe.

Nominations on file.

5. Financial Report.

The financial report, given by the treasurer, Anne Noble, was received.  
£5190.60 in the bank at the end of the financial year.

Accounts prepared by Chris Hunter. Accepted unanimously.

Full copy of accounts filed with minutes.

## 6. Deputy Parks & countryside manager's Report

Chris Roe submitted a report -

Once again we're delighted with the Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag results for the park & also the park's contribution to Whitby's success in Britain in Bloom.

We are awaiting the results of the 2018 Green Flag Heritage Site judging, which was entered for the first time this year & was judged in May. In connection with this the park conservation plan was updated, thanks to Matthew Smartt.

A new seat has been placed on Peony Steps.

Piers have been built at the two Entrances on Chubb Hill which were previously just gaps in the hedge.

Stonework has been built to mark the site of the old park keeper's cottage.

The time line has been cleaned & two new stones added.

A stone compass rose is being installed in the Commemorative Garden.

The lily pool had its annual clean and repair work undertaken on the pump.

The clock mechanism has been removed for repair.

Compost was put on the rose beds on the terrace. The roses are certainly looking good this year.

The apprentice has completed his course & moved on to full time employment.

The recruitment process has started to find a new apprentice.

We are delighted to have a 24 hour access defibrillator on the museum wall in the park. This was funded jointly by Whitby Lions, Whitby Town Council & FPP.

## 7. Chair's Report

Bob Bennett reported -

It's been another great year for the Park, winning a fifth Yorkshire in Bloom Gold Award & a seventh Green Flag.

We were also given an award for the Art Trail, by Scarborough Muck & Magic.

At the Whitby in Bloom celebration evening Gill and Ron wood received the Chair's Award.

Our events continue to attract a regular following in spite of being plagued with poor weather.

Pannett Day 2017 was planned for Wednesday 26th July but due to dreadful weather was rescheduled for August. We still had all the usual stalls, games & entertainment.

Halloween 2017 was as spooky as ever. The Paul Nicholas School of Acting provided yet another chilling theatrical production.

Sadly our Easter Event 2018 was cancelled completely due to persistent bad weather and saturated ground

We have taken every opportunity to promote the park & attended a leaflet exchange in Scarborough.

In June we took Splat the Rat down to armed forces day and distributed a lot of publicity material.

We have continued to work with Pannett Art gallery & Whitby Museum through the Joint Marketing Group. David Utting donated a beautiful painting to use for publicity & posters & a banner have been produced. Adverts have been placed in the WADS programmes and on the park & ride bus, and the park features in the Whitby Guide.

The Friends made training visits to Burnby Hall and to Scampston Walled Garden, seeking inspiration for replanting Union Steps Rockery.

We have enjoyed showing various groups round the park. In September we exchanged ideas with the Friends of Falsgrave Park when they visited our Park and in November we had visits from The friends of South Cliff Gardens and The Friends of Morpeth Floral Clock. In May members of the U3A were given an escorted tour of the park and in turn they treated us to a splendid afternoon tea provided by Pippa's tea room. They had given us a Euonymus Alatus, burning bush plant, so we had a celebratory photo shoot. In June museum volunteers joined us for a walk round the park followed by afternoon tea with Pippa, to celebrate her first year in the Tea Room. In July the Friends of West Jarrow Park will be visiting us.

Christmas was celebrated in the now usual manner.

Lord Normanby provided us with another lovely Christmas tree. This year Kath Horsley performed the official switching on ceremony and the usual festive refreshments were provided. Thanks to Kath & Linda for decorating the tree for the St Mary's church Christmas Tree festival. Christmas table decorations were created.

The now customary festive e card was sent to those with contacts with the park.

The clock interpretation board was updated with information about the Jubilee Clock.

It was The Lions International Centenary and they provided the planting for the clock and their centenary year was commemorated on the clock board.

This year a banner has been designed, in conjunction with the Whitby literary & Philosophical Society, to celebrate the 250th anniversary of Captain James Cook setting sail for Australia.

We produced a Yorkshire Day quiz as a fundraiser at a £1 a go. Keith generously donated a photograph on canvas of his, now famous, Commemorative Garden picture. Sheila from the museum won it but only after a nail biting penalty shootout with Linda Sims.

Community Garden -

We took part in the Citizen Science Project, 'Blooms for Bees', trying to ascertain which, if any, colour flower they prefer.

Pannett Park Pickle was produced from the green tomatoes at the end of the season.

The community garden has again been planted by Sorrel & a plan is on the notice board.

We were awarded £300 from the Aviva Community Fund and the design for the Little Free Library was finalised and submitted to JC Fabrication. We received £200 from the Mayoress' Community Fund to purchase tools & equipment.

FPP insurance 2018 was renewed with NFU through the RHS.

In November FPP purchased Narcissus Carlton and N. Mount Hood to plant on the banks.

We had a generous donation of Narcissus Actea for Little Park, which looked beautiful earlier in the year. Hyacinths have been lifted from the spring bedding & taken for storage but we think it will be necessary to purchase more next year

FPP social occasions have included Christmas dinner & breakfast at The Penny Hedge, dinner at the Kam Thai, fish & chips (x3) after open meetings & tea at Perry's Plants, followed by a visit to Gill's garden.

A walk round in March resulted in a list of maintenance tasks to work through.

The clock face has been repainted and is now brilliant white again.

Danish oiling of benches is now underway again and we have a map and checklist to keep track of progress.

Repair and repointing of stonework in Little Park and on Union steps is in progress.

The plaques at the park entrances have all been removed, refurbished and replaced. Two new plaques have been fixed to the new piers at Chubb Hill entrances.

We now have three free standing supports, planted with purple wisteria, in the mixed border along the driveway.

The Horticultural & Events sub groups have met regularly through the year & reported back to the Management Committee.

Thanks go to Whitby Town Council for use of the coffee machine by volunteer gardeners, to Whitby Museum for use of the Normanby Room for open meetings & to the Spa Pavilion for a room for management committee meetings. We also really appreciate all the support we get from local individuals & businesses. And of course to all the gardening team, SBC & volunteers.

Plans for June & July -

There is preparation work to do for Whitby being judged in Yorkshire in Bloom on 13th July

Training visits are planned to -

Breezy Knees on Friday 27th July

RHS Harlow Carr in August

#### 8. Volunteer Gardener's Report

Gill Wood submitted a report -

FPP volunteer gardeners continue to work on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings according to preference. Extra sessions are worked by arrangement. Work is discussed with & supervised by the Park Keeper.

The volunteers have weeded, pruned, managed herbaceous & climbing plants, planted, watered & edged paths & borders. Bins & notice boards have been cleaned regularly. The Community Garden has once again been managed by FPP.

Training visits to places of interest have been enjoyed, also participation in guided tours of the park, helping at events & supporting other groups.

3 new volunteers have been recruited in the past year.

As usual thanks to the SBC team for their continuing support.

#### 9. Date of next meeting

Date of next Open Meeting - Wednesday      October 2018.