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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)

23rd June 2021 3 pm zoom meeting

Present - Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Anne Noble, Linda Sims,
Nigel Dixon, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Steve Smith, Glen Goodberry.

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

Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Richie Sanderson, Otis Bailey, Kath Horsley,
Lorraine Emery, Heather Coughlan, Chris Roe.

3. Minutes of the AGM 22nd June 2020

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.

5. Financial Report.

The financial report, given by the treasurer, Anne Noble, was received.
£7119.46 in the bank at the end of the financial year.

Accounts prepared Simon Gibson. Accepted unanimously.

Full copy of accounts filed with minutes.

6. SBC report

Richie Sanderson submitted a report -

I would like to start this report by thanking Keith for everything he has taught me over the years and everything he has done for the parks department in Whitby. I really hope he enjoys his retirement from the parks after 40+ years of service.

Secondly I would like to thank all the Council workers and friends of the park for their efforts throughout the pandemic, it has been difficult for everyone in one way or another but I'd like to think the park has helped a lot of people with a place to go to work, play and relax.

Summer/autumn 2020 -

Spider mower cut the big bank

Clock bedding was pulled

Tube tunnel on play area was vandalised and repaired

All hedges where cut

Chubb Hill roundabout was pulled along with other bedding

All park bedding replanted

Winter 2020 -

Pond pump taken away for winter

Xmas tree up

New wet pour in place on the play area

Xmas tree taken down

Euonymus planted on the bedding as an edging/feature

Geoff did the RSPB bird count

February 2021 -

Keith announced his retirement

I took over as stand in Charge hand for Whitby parks

Keith's last day on 19th February

March 2021 -

Grass cutting started in the park

Keith's official retirement

Lots of litter and vandalism

April 2021 -

More litter and vandalism

Pond was cleaned out

All the water lilies were repotted and have done incredibly since, especially with the ripple guard in place.

Geoff came back over from the cemetery

May 2021 -

Clock mechanism has been taken away for repair, awaiting its return.
Otis trimmed the bow at the clock and it has been seaweed fed and 'copper plant supplemented' (Blue liquid)

Litter and vandalism problems have started getting better

I was given the job of Parks Charge hand.

Otis got his seasonal extended contract to fill Keith's working position in the park, putting it back to two full time workers in the park.

Play area was inspected by myself and a few items have been cordoned off while we are waiting for them to be repaired with a plastic composite material instead of marine ply.

June 2021 -

Planting in park finished except for parts of the clock where we are waiting for the clock mechanism to come back.

I inspected the play area and nothing had changed other than the tunnel had to be taken away temporarily.

Litter and vandalism over the weekend has finally started to come to a stop.

7. Chair's Report

Bob Bennett reported -

As always the park has looked stunning, despite all the problems Covid has caused. It has been well used & appreciated by large numbers of people getting fresh air & exercise during the lock downs.

There was no Yorkshire in Bloom judging in 2020. However this year electronic entries are being invited in a range of categories. The park is being entered in three of these: "Best of Yorkshire Awards"... "Yorkshire in Springtime"... "Yorkshire in Summertime" and "By Heck that's Good". Green Flag judging 2020 was postponed and we were judged by a mystery shopper. We were delighted to be awarded a Green Flag & Heritage award.

The Christmas tree in the park welcomed in the festive season and cheered up park visitors. Sadly we had no big switching on celebration last year and Mrs. Roe's famous the customary Xmas cake needed to be distributed by clandestine means.

St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival did not take place last year but we were invited to make angels to decorate the church. RB created a copper angel & ND came up with a witty alternative seagull angel.

The Little Free library is being well used and we have incorporated a seed exchange this year.

Due to the Covid 19 lockdown it has been impossible to run the usual gardening groups.

The Bank's Florilegium exhibition opened briefly in November before an extended closure of the Art Gallery. Fortunately it was able to re-open for five weeks across May and June.

'Love Exploring' created further apps including Halloween witches and Christmas fairies. It was good to see outdoor family activities in the park.

We were sad to see Keith Wright retire as park keeper but delighted to see one of his protégés, Richie Sanderson take up the mantle. The park remains in good hands.

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.