

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)
26th June 2019 4 pm in the Normanby Room

Present - Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Anne Noble, Linda Sims,
Heather Coughlan, Kath Horsley, Gill Wood, Ron Wood,
Sorrel Hinchliffe, 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

Walter Turner, Roger Parsons, Lynn Brunskill

3. Minutes of the AGM 20th June 2018

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.
£6178.52 in the bank at the end of the financial year.

Accounts prepared by Alan Wright. Accepted unanimously.

Full copy of accounts filed with minutes.

6. SBCReport

Keith Wright submitted a report -

We were delighted to be awarded Green Flag Heritage Site status in addition to the Green Flag award. The park will be judged by a mystery shopper this year.

The park also contributed to Whitby's gold award in Yorkshire in Bloom.

A plaque featuring the Albert Pyle drawing of the cottage was fixed on the "ruins".

In the autumn hyacinths, purchased by FPP, were planted in the bedding and bulbs saved from previous years planted in the Commemorative Garden rockery.

Linda's birthday tree, the WW1 memorial tree and Ron Whatling's Goat Willow were planted.

Early in the year graffiti was cleaned from the Commemorative Garden rockery stones, the Lily Pool was cleaned out and general winter maintenance continued.

In March memorial trees were planted, one in Little Park and one near the Lily Pool. Two additional trees were planted near the Lily Pool to replace one due to be felled later in the year.

The seats in the double seat bay have been secured to prevent them being thrown around.

A replica of the rope guide bollard which used to be near the main entrance has been put in place.

7. Chair's Report

Bob Bennett reported -

The gates which we sent off to Technicolour for grit blasting and plastic coating were returned and re hung and the small gate on St Hilda's Terrace re-fitted after being missing for some years. When the weather improved the gates had the decorative detail picked out in ivory paint.

We acquired a pair of beautiful cast iron planters which were grit blasted and painted with supposedly rust inhibiting paint. As they were soon showing signs of rust coming through they were treated and given two more coats of paint, at the cost of the supplier. The purple petunia planting looks particularly good.

The bird boxes were surveyed, cleaned and where necessary repaired or replaced by Walter Turner, whose help we greatly appreciate.

The KBT Big Spring Clean took place in April and the Friends beat the bounds of the park weeding and litter picking.

The traditional oak benches on the terrace had many years of old flaking surface finish removed by bead blasting. They have been refinished in Osmo oil and now look almost as good as new.

The eight poetry scrolls have now been installed at sites appropriate to the verse. Funding for these was secured from the Aviva Community Fund.

A broken tree trail post has been replaced and one moved closer to its tree.

The success boards have been updated, with one for Bloom awards and one for KBT.

The Jurassic interpretation board has been replaced.

There were two visits to RHS Harlow Carr, August and April. Some of us paid an inspirational visit to the Keukenhof in May.

The Friends had a batch of Pannett Park greeting cards, for any occasion, produced, thanks to Keith Wright for the photograph.

Joint adverts for Park, Museum and Art Gallery were submitted to Park and Ride and WADS.

A dementia awareness training session was provided by Amanda Smith, for the Friends.

FPP Open meetings were held in October and March, followed by our now traditional fish & chips.

The Friends hosted the usual events in the park, Pannett Day, Halloween and Easter, all of which went well. Christmas traditions were upheld with switching on the tree lights, decorating a tree in St Mary's Church festival, making Christmas decorations and a Christmas dinner.

A treasure hunt for museum and park volunteers went well, followed by lunch in the tea room.

New art work this year includes the equinox sculpture, carved by Steve

Iredale from the trunk of a Metasequoia which had been felled, representing spring and autumn. We also have a replacement replica of the rope guide which was near the park entrance for many years, originally from the harbour area.

Gill and Ron attended the inaugural meeting of Friends of Valley Gardens and took part in a question and answer session. Thanks to them.

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.

8. Volunteer Gardener's Report

Gill Wood reported -

FPP volunteer gardeners continue to work on Tuesday & Wednesday mornings. Extra sessions are worked by arrangement. Jobs for the day are discussed with & supervised by the Park Keeper & staff. Working in partnership with SBC the volunteers have weeded, pruned, managed herbaceous & climbing plants, planted, watered & edged paths & borders throughout the year. They have been responsible for the Community Garden. Bins, notice boards & seats have been cleaned regularly. Training visits to places of interest have been enjoyed, also participation in guided tours of the park, helping at events & supporting other groups. Some ill health has affected the team. As usual thanks to the SBC team for their continuing support.

Vol. gardening hours for 2019 484, & since 2005 19,102.

9. Date of next meeting

Date of next Open Meeting - Wednesday 16th October 2019.