

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 1st May 2019 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Keith Wright, Bob Bennett, Anne Noble, Kath Horsley, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Amanda Smith, Linda Wilkins.

1. Apologies - Joe Plant, Sandra Turner, Linda Sims, Chris Roe.
2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 3rd April 2019.
The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.
 2. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a) Jurassic noticeboard, Clock celebration boards,
Beware traffic sign, Memorial plaque – with RL
Wording for central seat plaque needed, agreed to -
“Remembering Whitby’s Parks Superintendents and Managers”
 - b) CCTV at Lily Pool, one camera is working & is being repaired by Little & Brown.
Holly tree needs removing to improve visibility.
Agreed to apply to proceeds of crime fund for funding to upgrade CCTV.
Possibly a joint approach with Bloom & Quaker Burial Ground.
 - c) Rustoleum have provided a tin of paint for the urns, foc.
To be sanded & repainted.
 - d) Poetry scrolls received - to be fixed
 - e) Chain saw carving is complete & much admired
 - f) Replacement, stainless, defibrillator case has been fitted.
 - g) Website success page is live
 - h) Terrace benches are back in place
 - i) Community garden tap is repaired
 - j) Wheelie bin covers for play area – one double to be put in place
Second cover available - to decide on position
 - k) Steps from Jubilee Gate into the play area - with MS, SBC
 - l) Little Free Library - almost ready.
Cowans are donating & fitting polycarbonate doors.
 - m) Painting air con units - WTC reminded

3. Communication

Reports from open meeting sent to trustees
Thanks from KBT for taking part in spring clean
Mrs Skelton - Little Park tree - meeting 10th May 10.30. Tree £125.
Friends of Valley Gardens requesting FPP help in setting up group.
GW & RW - 7th May. To invite for visit.

4. SBC Report

KW reported -

Weeding & watering continue.

A new Park apprentice, Otis Bailey, is doing well. Hard working & enthusiastic.

The pond pump is back in action.

Hydrangeas from the corner near the outdoor classroom have been stolen on two occasions.

Service of the clock mechanism is due in for May, between spring & summer planting.

A replacement for the old harbour rope guide which stood at the park entrance has been turned & is at JCF having the metal parts fitted.

“A giant bunch of flowers” is planned for the area between the Green man & the Equinox.

KW has created space in the shed for storage of books. The park office needs to be a useable space & the entrance corridor cleared of boxes.

6. Health & Safety

Large crack in footpath near the whalebone arches needs repair.

7. Horticulture

RHS Harlow Carr visit was good & inspired tulips for urns on the terrace.

The goldfish in the lily pool appear to have gone, possibly eaten by seagulls.

Hyacinths from the spring bedding to be stored by FPP.

Suitable ground cover plants for Louis' feet needed.

All agreed the spring bedding has been excellent this year, good quality plants which have done well, both in the clock & on the sundial terrace. The density of planting is determined by SBC, with hoeing space being a consideration.

Concern was expressed about the planting in the Half Moons not thriving.

Ferns near the bagdale entrance not doing well.

To investigate suitable ground cover around Louis' feet.

Squirrels have dug up newly planted geraniums in the main border

& one Wisteria appears to be dead. Possibly use the sprinkler in this area.

Magnolia stellate in the Jurassic did not do well this year.

Thrift in the herbaceous border has died.

Union Steps Rockery was discussed & a decision made to leave the Acanthus & concentrate on planting the top & bottom areas with multi stemmed birches under planted with prostrate conifers & yews in gold & green & a few pillar specimens.

Any suggestions to RB.

All agreed to ensure planting is easily manageable in any future planning.

8. Maintenance

Benches from museum terrace have been bead blasted, repaired, oiled & replaced.

Two unsecured benches have been fixed to the ground.

The double seat bay seats have been removed on several occasions & once thrown down the bank. Anchors made to fix them. Post mix required.

9. Publicity

JMG - minutes shared

Joint poster fixed on WTC toilet doors

Floral clock should feature in aerial coverage of Tour de Yorkshire

Box of leaflets taken to TIC.
Park information on SBC website needs updating.

Facebook - 1135 likes. Max post - 4704, Equinoxes. 2 recommendations.
Tripadvisor - 2 x 5* reviews. "A hidden gem of loveliness"
Google - 33 x 5*, 9 x 4* reviews. "A beautiful little oasis".
"Benches invite you to linger"
3 x 3*, 1 x 2* reviews relating to dog ban.

Agreed to £120 update of website management

10. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Yorkshire in Bloom judging, 4th July. Judge to be invited to lunch.
Portfolio is almost complete & cross referenced to judging criteria.
Thanks to all photographers.
Suggestions needed for "All year colour" photos for KH to print.

Whitby's Britain in Bloom judging - 31st July has been confirmed,
9 am start at the park. 20 minutes in the park. Finish 12 at the Duke of York.
The floral clock can be viewed on the way to the start & will be included in the presentation. Park info to be provided for judges' hotel rooms.

11. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £6134.34 in the bank.
CH sent spreadsheet for drawing up accounts to new auditor, AW.
Agreed to donation to WTC, £75, for use of toilets at park events.

14. Friend's events

Easter in the park went well although numbers down due to spread of school holidays this year. £229.40 profit. 50 children did egg hunt.
Planting broad beans proved popular.
Easter tree decorated in Community Garden.

FPP AGM, Wednesday 26th June. Nominations needed.
JP is not standing for re-election to SBC so will not be their rep on MC.
Official thanks for all he has done for the park to be sent.
Pannett Day
New prizes order needed

We are approaching 20 000 hours volunteer gardening, in the autumn.
Suitable celebration needed. Ideas needed.

12. Friend's social events

Afternoon tea at Perry's - 22nd May 2pm. Full afternoon tea, £11

13. Any other business

None

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 5th June 2019