

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 27th November 2019 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



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

1. Apologies - Chris Roe, Nigel Dixon, Helen Percival, Heather Coughlan,
2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 6th November 2019.
The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a) Wheelie bin covers - need attention
 - b) Steps from Jubilee Gate into the play area - with MS, SBC
 - c) Little Free Library - painted & ready to install in spring
 - d) Walter & Wynne sculpture - with CR
 - e) Children's University - with SBC
 - f) Tree to be planted 28th November in memory of Dave Laws
 - g) Holmans have 12 packs of cards to sell.
4. Communication

No website contacts.
WTC agree to donations box in principle but would need more details
WTC requesting help stewarding lantern parade & to borrow tombola drum,
& thanks for this.
RHS confirming address for insurance renewal
Museum re skip in car park during closure.
Hetty & Betty re Louis.
Whitby Museum & David Tindale re floral clock 2021
Card with best wishes for speedy recovery sent to IH
Info from Scampston re group visits
Volunteer gardeners re concerns about coffee break on Tuesday mornings.
KW offered to put boiler on in shed. To email gardeners explaining.
5. SBC Report

Two new volunteer gardeners started this week.
Herbaceous borders have been weeded & leaves raked.
Water lilies donated by Mr Winspear collected & in pond.
Lion's 50th anniversary crocus planted by Ruswarp & Airy Hill school groups
Ron Whatling's Fritillaria planted, Rhona joined us to help.
FPP white hyacinths planted in crescent beds.
Replacement Wisteria needed.
Louis has been returned to the park.
Some of the poetry flags are being bent over & needed straightening.
To consider fitting the St Hilda's Terrace bottom gate at Union Steps entrance.

CR produced a suggested planting list for Union Steps Rockery, circulated. FPP agreed to pay £500 towards planting on Union Steps. This includes donations from the Civic Society & Beacon Farm. Preference was for this to pay for something such as the Juniper. All agreed it would also be good to have a few upright conifers. KH, RB, SH, LW commented that the original plan for predominantly conifer & birch with some herbaceous planting for colour had changed, with more herbaceous planting than originally considered.

The top area has been turfed & a rustic fence is going in.

6. Publicity

Facebook - 1410 likes. Max reach - 6328, brick seating area.

Engagement photos taken in the park were on a link.

Tripadvisor - 2 x 5*, 1 x 4* reviews.

Google - 18 x 5*, 8 x 4*, 1 x 3*, 1 x 2*, 1 x 1* reviews.

Tree Trail leaflet changes made & circulated.

Success board needs updating.

The website needs some attention. RS has offered help with ideas. To meet with JB in the new year. The headings on the menu bar need changing, also some of the sub headings. Contact us is rarely used & then mostly for queries about the museum. Decision that "contact us" is not needed & FPP probably don't need an email address.

7. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £6161 in the bank.

8. Friend's events

FPP ecard for Christmas is made.

Usual invitations to lighting Christmas tree, 11th December, sent out.

St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival, £15 donation.

Forms submitted to CR for events in the park 2020.

2020 dates put on the website.

9. Friend's social events

FPP Christmas lunch - Saxonville, Friday 20th December.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 8th January 2020