

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 28th November 2018 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



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

1. Apologies - Joe Plant, Sandra Turner, Nigel Dixon, Chris Roe, Heather Coughlan.

2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 7th November 2018.
The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Little Free Library - with JCF, cabinet door design resolved
- b) Jurassic noticeboard - Marcus will send to RL
- c) Wooden bye laws board - to be fixed in office
- d) Poetry scrolls - with JCF
- e) Air con units painting - with WTC
- f) Lack of CCTV at Lily Pool - not working, there is power. With SBC.
- g) Repair of raised beds - with SBC
- h) Tree trail post - to be replaced
- i) Graffiti on the Mayflower has been removed
- j) Graffiti on the rockery stones - to be removed

4. Communication

Wendy Holliday requesting we plant Alder Buckthorne to attract butterflies.
Replied with thanks for suggestion.
Card sent to Rhona Whatling after Ron's recent death.
Dorothy Hesk sent FPP £50 donation in memory of Ron. Thanks sent.
RSPB - Big Garden Birdwatch - 26 - 28 January 2019. To ask Geoff.

5. SBC Report

KW reported -

Replacement roses have been planted.

Old hyacinths have been planted in the Commemorative Garden rockery.

New hyacinths have been planted in the spring bedding.

The block walk has been removed from the play area, for repair.

Tete a tete have been planted at the cycle rack, main entrance & round a tree in the Community Garden.

A damaged bin is to be removed & one in store repaired.

The seat is to be returned to the Little Park.

Fixings need replacing for the seats in the bay above the Indian Bean Tree.

The pond pump has been switched off for the winter.

Proposal for a Plesiosaur, or similar, head appearing from behind a shrub in the Jurassic Garden. Also small Velociraptor type dinosaurs on the bank above the garden & in the half moon across the road.

The SBC/NYCC WW1 Memorial Copper Beech tree was planted by the Borough Mayor, near the Commemorative Garden, on 13th November. Brass plaque fitted on support post.

The Louis the Peacock sculpture was placed on 21st November. KH is to pay for it in memory of George. Chain saw carving drawings received from SI, the four seasons facing in four directions.

6. Health & Safety

Dementia awareness training completed by 2 FPP, 6th Nov, was useful. Steps from Jubilee Gate into the play area are in a dangerous condition.

7. Horticulture

LS birthday tree & Ron's willow have been planted, 27th November. Acer brilliantissima & Hamamelis need ordering, urgently. Veronicastrum is on order from SBC.

All agreed to purchasing more stones for the Community Garden veg plot & to a slight change of shape. Herb garden & raised beds to stay as now.

The role of the Horticultural sub group was discussed & decision made to move away from regular meetings. If there is a particular project, a group of those interested can be formed to plan it. A meeting can be called for a specific purpose if necessary. More involvement of regular volunteer gardeners will be encouraged by discussion at coffee time on Tuesday mornings.

8. Maintenance

The bird boxes have been cleaned & checked, thanks to WT & ST. Most appear to have been used. Report to follow. Metal plates to prevent squirrel damage needed for new boxes.

9. Publicity

Facebook - 971 Likes. Max. post reach, 1131 - spring bedding in the clock
Tripadvisor - 6 x 5* reviews
Google - 17 x 5*, 2 x 4*, 1 x 3* reviews,

Leaflet reprint -
Adverset quote for 20 000 copies, £1358.
Marcus has made changes, £120.
All agreed to draft received to go for printing.

Joint advertising posters for 2019 received, park contribution £10.
The joint advert was in the Christmas Festival leaflet.
There was an offer from Discover Yorkshire to advertise in SBC car parks. £5000 + VAT. This offer had been declined.

10. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

The clock celebration board needs updating. Decision to use both boards at the clock for park successes. One to focus on Bloom, including Whitby success, & the other for Green Flag & KBT. To include success 2010 on.

A success page has been created on the website. To include photographs of trophies, copies of certificates & dates achieved. Possibly also specific complimentary comments.

It was agreed to investigate the judging criteria thoroughly before making a decision on entering the park in Yorkshire in Bloom 2019.

The categories are very different for 2019 and the entry would need to be the Friends of Pannett Park, not Pannett Park, as in the past.

11. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £5873.61 in the bank.

We have been awarded £200 from the Aviva Community Fund for the Poetry in the Park project.

14. Friend's events

Additional tree decorations have been made for the St Mary's tree and new battery powered lights purchased. KH & LS erecting tree 29th November. £15 donation to Whitby PCC.

An FPP ecard has been created.

Lord Normanby has again donated a tree for the park.

It will be erected on Tuesday 4th December - ND & RP.

Switch on of lights - Wednesday 12th December - invitations sent.

SBC forms have been submitted for 2019 events.

Regular contributors have been informed of dates.

NYCC Rotters plan to be at Pannett Day with chef doing demos.

Normanby Room booked for open meetings & cloakroom booked for events for PNSA.

12. Friend's social events

Christmas dinner - Monday 10th December - Penny Hedge

Breakfast at Penny Clare's - Monday 28th January

13. Any other business

Whitby Museum will be closed Monday 17th December to Monday 7th January.

Thanks to all from LS for birthday tree, now planted.

Date of next meeting - Thursday 3rd January 2019