

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 2nd October 2019 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Linda Sims, Bob Bennett, Anne Noble, Keith Wright, Glenn Goodberry, Kath Horsley, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Steve Smith, Linda Wilkins. Johnathan Harston, WTC, was welcomed to the committee.

1. Apologies - Chris Roe, Heather Coughlan, Helen Percival, Nigel Dixon.
2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 4th September 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 - for next spring now
- d) Walter & Wynne sculpture - with CR
- e) Children's University - with CR
- f) Tree to be planted 28th November, Dave Laws. General plaque ready.
- g) Yoga in the Park - with CR

4. Communication

Pippa thanked for offer of donation & discussed future plans

Photo of dead hedgehog sent to Nats mammal recorder

Congratulations on Yorkshire in Bloom Platinum award received from Glen Goodberry & Matthew Smart.

Letter of support sent to Pannett Art gallery for their application for funding for a project focussing on the Staithes Group.

Letter from CR re Bloom success circulated.

Claudia Sutterby, Fylingdales Parish Council, emailed complaining there is no mention of Robert Elliott Pannett on the park website. GW replied.

The information is there but was not displaying on phones. Referred to JB.

5. SBC Report

The tree near the Lily Pool will be felled after Christmas.

All hedges are now cut.

The pond pump has been removed for the winter.

Herbaceous borders are being cut back.

Summer bedding is to be removed & spring bedding arrives in about 2 weeks.

Site meeting was held at Union Steps Rockery to make final decisions.

Steve Allen, CR, KW, RB, GW, RW, ND, LS, KH, SH.

Shrubs to be removed & overhanging branches cut back. Loose stone removed.

Lonicera removed. Keep block paving, where a seat had been, as a feature.

Planting - upright & prostrate conifers in various colours, drifts of grass & pockets of perennial colour, two multi stemmed birches.

6. Health & Safety

No issues.

7. Horticulture

FPP white hyacinths could go in the hydrangea bed near the outdoor classroom.

Poppy seed to be purchased from Meadowmania, 100g

Research show squirrels don't eat fritillaria so no need to buy chilli spray.

Decision to keep Community Garden veg plot as this year. KH to plant one raised bed with root veg. Consider the other bed as a fruit garden - rhubarb & blackcurrant or blackberry possibly.

8. Maintenance

Louis removed for TLC. Repaired & waiting to go to Rusty Bug for soda blasting.

Office tidied & hoovered. Boxes removed from entrance corridor.

Display boards to go into deep storage.

9. Publicity

Facebook - 1375 likes. Max reach - 4724 - Autumn colour, 4259 - platinum award

Tripadvisor - 8 x 5*, 3 x 4*, 1 x 1* reviews.

Google - 33 x 5*, 15 x 4*, 3 x 3*, 1 x 1* reviews.

Website problems are being sorted by JB. The Success page has been wiped. To redo.

Platinum Award publicity for Gazette needed.

Tree Trail leaflets have almost run out. Agreed to ask if HLF money available.

RB attended a Whitby fingerpost review.

10. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Platinum award in Yorkshire in Bloom, celebrations in York excellent.

Green Flag Heritage Site plaque arrived & fitted.

FPP award from Whitby in Bloom 2019.

11. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £5737.68 in the bank.

Agreed to investigate a collection box in the park, possibly based on the eternal gardener. To get permission from SBC & WTC.

14. Friend's events

Friends of Valley Gardens visit to park cancelled.

FPP open meeting, 16th October, 4pm Normanby Room.

Halloween event much as usual. Pippa to sell pumpkin soup from FPP gazebo.

Non plastic prizes needed for bat hunt.

Christmas tree requested from Lord Normanby. Otis to be asked to switch on lights.

Ideas needed for FPP ecard for Christmas.

12. Friend's social events

FPP Christmas lunch - Saxonville, Friday 20th December, 1 pm, £17, booked.

13. Any other business

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 6th November 2019