

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 5th April 2018 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Anne Noble, Linda Sims, Kath Horsley, Sheila Johnson, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Keith Wright, Amanda Smith, Roger Burnett.

1. Apologies - Chris Roe, Sandra Turner.

2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 7th March 2018.

The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- a) Time line cleaning & new stones - 17th April
- b) Compass rose in commemorative garden - will be done after Easter
- c) Defibrillator for the park - Handy Andy will do electrical work.
- d) First aid training was excellent, 5 FPP attended.
- e) Captain Cook clock banner - fitted
- f) Clock celebration board - fitted
- g) Bagdale notice board - new locks have been purchased.
- h) 2 wisteria supports ordered, JCF.
- i) Little Free Library - with JCF
- j) Water bottle filling point, with WTC.
- k) Little Park fence - cross pieces missing
- l) Linda's birthday tree is ordered

4. Communication

LW -

Photo of the Purple for Polio crocus sent to Rotary

Lynne Butler unable to attend open meeting.

She will try to carry out regular patrols as the nights get lighter.

WTC - there will no longer be plastic cups for the coffee machine.

Wendy English - information about pollinator monitoring research.

Whitby Nats. plan to collect midwife toad DNA.

RB -

Richardson & Smith re access to plot for sale next to bottom park boundary.

GW -

Email from supporter who enjoyed Anne Dennier's book & appreciates the work of everyone in the park.

5. SBC Report

Snow, rain, hail, sleet, low temperatures have caused problems & prevented work recently. The ground is totally water logged with water pouring out of the bottom of the sweep & a cascade down the steps at Bagdale entrance.

The audit of bins continues. Plans suggested to strengthen foundations of some.

Dave Perrett is investigating suitable material for a plaque for cottage area. Need permission from Lit & Phil to use image.

Investigating the possibility of features on the terrace where lamps used to be. Possibly two stone vases

CR, KW, RB arranging a site meeting with Steve Iredale to look at carving a May Queen & a "Pannett Park" sign on two condemned Macrocarpa.

Damage by cutting branches off shrubs on the bottom park boundary was reported to police. 20 min wait for answer on 101. They request in future reports be made as soon as possible & by the person who observed the damage.

The fountain in the Lily Pool will be switched on tomorrow.

6. Health & Safety

The path from Jubilee Gate has been reported as a problem when slippery due to its steepness. To grit when necessary.

There is tree root damage to the path just below the top hydrangea bed.

7. Horticulture

The rose beds have had compost added but more is needed. To ask if SBC can fund this. FPP will purchase more if necessary.

The vegetable plot & the herb garden have been tidied. New planting plan prepared. To copy for notice board.

All agreed to the raised beds being cleared & used for a variety of veg. Also Dahlia mignon to attract pollinators.

The Narcissus in the park are looking good.

8. Maintenance

The pre Green Flag judging walk round generated a maintenance list.
The white background for the numbers on the clock face has been painted.
The stone wall in Little Park has been repaired. More to do.
The park office has been cleaned & tidied.
The plaques at the entrances are systematically being repainted.
Danish oiling workshops to be planned when the weather improves.

9. Publicity

Facebook - 818 Likes. Max. post reach 2009 - cancellation of Easter event
Many lovely comments. Annual stats circulated.

Tripadvisor - 2 x 5* reviews

Google - 17 x 5*, 2 x 4*, 2 x 3* reviews

“An exquisitely maintained public park with a plethora of picturesque features”

JMG meeting, Wednesday 21st March, minutes circulated.

AN is chair of the group this year.

The park had leaflets at 2 leaflet exchanges, Eden Camp & Flowers of May.

Leaflet inventory - number of boxes of each -

General - 8

Jurassic Garden - 16

Tree Trail - 4

Art in the Park - 5

Turtle Trail - 9

Figure your way round the park - 5

Discussion followed about future reprints. Decision that more general leaflets will be needed & probably also art, trees & figure. Prices needed for next meeting.

Yorkshire Coast BID visiting park, museum & art gallery - 25th April

Spring newsletter written for main notice board

Discussion about printing Pannett Park Christmas cards & calendars.

Prices & definite proposal needed for next meeting.

10. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Thanks to KH for producing a set of heritage photos as a display & to GW for producing a slide show, for judging day.

Pippa will serve tarts & salad + a selection of cakes, in the Normanby Room, £8 per head. FPP will provide tea & coffee.

11. Treasurer's report

AN reported -
£300 received from Aviva Community Fund towards Little Free Library
£250 received from WTC towards defibrillator.
£5190.60 in the bank at the end of the financial year.

Today -
£250 received from Whitby Lions towards defibrillator
We have been successful in our bid to the Mayoress Community Fund
& are invited to collect the cheque on Tuesday 8th May - KH & LS. To reply.

Our auditor is ill in hospital & may not be able to check the accounts before the AGM. All agreed that as auditing is not a legal requirement they could be checked later if necessary.

14. Friend's events

New decorations for St Mary's Christmas tree are ordered.
Additional lights for park Christmas tree have arrived.

The events sub group met on 19th March to discuss plans for the Easter event.

Easter in the park was cancelled due to foul weather & water logged ground.
A cancellation check list was produced. To share.

Open Meeting, 28th March - minutes agreed correct to go on website subject to confirmation.

U3A visit, Tuesday 15th May, is a joint event with SBC & FPP.
To contact JS re details & request FPP helpers.

A Yorkshire Quiz is almost ready. All agreed to sell some.
Answers by 1st August. Framed park photo as prize.

12. Friend's social events

Afternoon tea at Perry's Thursday 24th May. + invitation to visit Gill's garden.

13. Any other business

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 2nd May 2018