

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 5th February 2020 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Linda Sims, Bob Bennett, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Anne Noble, Nigel Dixon, Keith Wright, Kath Horsley, Glen Goodberry, Linda Wilkins, Amanda Smith, Steve Smith.

1. Apologies - Chris Roe, Helen Percival, Heather Coughlan
2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 8th January 2020.
The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a) Wheelie bin covers - with SBC
 - b) Steps from Jubilee Gate into the play area - with SBC
 - c) Walter & Wynne sculpture - with CR
 - d) Children's University - with SBC
 - e) Plaque for museum wall - with WTC
 - f) St Hilda's Terrace gate - move to Union Steps entrance.
 - g) Tree Trail leaflets have been delivered.
 - h) Success boards have been updated.
4. Communication

WTC informed of coffee break arrangements.
RHS newsletters received & circulated.
Invitation to attend affiliated groups AGM & visit the new RHS garden - Bridgewater, 1st April.
Information for visiting groups received from Scampston.
Report on bird boxes received from WT, copied for office notice board.
Request from WT for an agenda item on encouraging birds into the park.
All agreed planting for wildlife was a consideration in any new planting.
Also Whitby in Bloom developments in the Quaker Burial Ground encourage wild life.
Reply needed.
Civic Society asking if they can attend Pannett Day - all agreed.
Friends of Vale Head Park, Wakefield - update on progress of their group
New volunteer starting next week.
KBT Great British Spring Clean, 20th March to 13th April. Tuesday 7th April.
Decision on area to spruce up later.
5. SBC Report

KW reported -

RSPB Garden Bird Watch, 27th January, results submitted - thanks to Geoff.
New Yorkshire flag purchased for replacement in spring.

Union Steps Rockery has been planted with over 400 new plants, which have been watered in.

Standard roses are to be replaced with Rosa xanthine 'Canary Bird' a single flowering, Trailing, yellow variety.

Nerine bulbs donated, to be planted in Little Park.

Chubb Hill border affected by honey fungus has been cut back - Aucuba & Euphorbia. More clearing to do & some areas to be grassed. Possibly add another Sambuca.

Volunteer Gardeners' report received from GW & put on FPP page of website.

Rosebeds, Jurassic Garden, Community Garden, St Hilda's Terrace border weeded.

Herbaceous borders cut back, compost bins worked, boards & rubbish bins cleaned.

Deciduous ferns cut back.

Little Free Library to be moved from store & fixed.

David Tindale is in discussion with CR about a memorial to his father.

6. Publicity

Facebook - 1409 likes. Max reach - 2674 - winter flowering shrubs.

Tripadvisor - no reviews so far this year.

Google - 13 x 5*, 4 x 4* reviews.

Website changes are being steadily made. KH doing photo of the month.

Home page text changed. FPP page updated.

Spring newsletter needed for main notice board

Park logo - ideas to be circulated.

Leaflet exchanges this year are 18th March at Eden Camp & 25th March at Flowers of May. Museum will do one & park the other.

7. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Brief discussion about entering Yorkshire in Bloom 2020. The category the park can enter is confusing. Decision at next meeting.

8. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £5920.61 in the bank.

Insurance certificate received & copy on office notice board.

9. Friend's events

U3A talk is planned & well in hand, thanks to KH for slide show.

FPP membership 2020/21 - current members have been emailed to check they want to continue membership. All but 4 have replied.

FPP open meeting 25th March - reports needed

9. Friend's social events

Tuesday 5th May - afternoon tea at Perry's to thank Ron for website work

Thursday 11th June - 20 000 hours volunteer gardening celebration

10. AOB

Andy who is organising the Steam Punk weekend, 24 to 26 July is keen to use the park as a venue for a parade & photo opportunity.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 4th March 2020