

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 5th June 2019 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Keith Wright, Bob Bennett, Anne Noble, Kath Horsley, Nigel Dixon, Sheila Johnson, Heather Coughlan, Linda Wilkins.

1. Apologies - Linda Sims, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Roger Burnett, Chris Roe.
2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 1st May 2019.
The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.
3. Matters arising from the minutes
 - a) Jurassic noticeboard has been replaced
 - b) Clock celebration boards fitted
 - c) Beware traffic signs fitted
 - d) Dave Laws plaque – with SBC
 - e) CCTV at Lily Pool, both cameras are now working, thanks to Little & Brown.
The recorder is working & a new monitor fitted.
Holly tree needs removing to improve visibility.
 - f) Rust removed from urns & repainted with two further coats
 - g) Poetry scrolls now in place
 - h) Wheelie bin covers are in place in play area & community garden.
They need smartening up.
 - i) Steps from Jubilee Gate into the play area - with MS, SBC
 - j) Little Free Library - with JCF
 - k) GW & RW attended a meeting to answer questions about setting up a friends group for the now formed Friends of Valley Gardens. They hope to visit the park in July, 6/7 or 27/28. Very difficult to fit in. To contact.
4. Communication

Aviva Community Fund survey completed.
U3A Gardening Group request a talk on Monday 2nd March, 2pm, St John Ambulance Hall. Agreed to do this.
Ruth Darling re a story telling tent in the park, referred to CR for permission.
Sarah Price re a memorial to her parents, Wynne & Walter Jones.
Bug hotel/flower bouquet decided on as being most suitable.
Mrs Sutton re information on rose varieties - plan sent.
Card of thanks sent to Joe Plant for his contributions to the park.
WTC request use of tombola drum for AFD. All agreed.
Thanks from WTC for donation for use of toilets at park events.
Email to WTC Cllr Jonathan Harston welcoming him to the committee.

Thanks from visitor from Derby for information about rose varieties, last year.
Photographs from Ron Bird, New Zealand Yorkshire Society - flax plants.
Request from M Thornley in Wakefield for information about setting up a Friends' group. (GW)
BTO wildlife survey completed for the park.

Email from Mrs Fountain, Newton Street, with reference to anti-social behaviour in the park near Union Steps. CR referred to Debbie Crossley, Safer Communities, who referred to Police for discussion at next Tasking Meeting. To investigate Proceeds of Crime money to fund CCTV camera.

5. SBC Report

KW reported -

The bunting is now up.

Spring bedding has been pulled. Watering continues.

Hyacinth bulbs have been taken by FPP for storage for use next year.

Selective weed killer has been applied to the grass around the rose beds & bedding.

The new apprentice is thriving, everyone is very impressed by him

The UV filter at the Lily Pool has been checked. Weed removed.

Repairs to the play area this week.

Daily checks by park staff, monthly check by SBC, annual check by ROSPA.

A replacement for the old harbour rope guide which stood at the park entrance is now in place.

The clock lettering "box" has been trimmed & looks brilliant.

Service of the clock mechanism 6th June.

Churches Together are holding a Pentecost service in the park, 9th June.

6. Health & Safety

Large crack in footpath near the whalebone arches has been repaired.

7. Horticulture

Half Moons - plants on order

Dead Wisteria to be replaced in autumn

Union Steps Rockery has been sprayed. New planting, a winter project.

Alan Ritson, Whitby Nats, has been asked to survey the wild flower bank.

Poppy seeds for area near commemorative Garden needed.

Louis is being overwhelmed by planting.

8. Maintenance

The ivory paint has been repainted on all 4 gates.

The double seat has been fastened down with anchors into concrete.

Graffiti removed from seat on Peony steps & the green man's eyes.

There is some rot in the Green Man's head - contacted SI.

Tree trail post replaced in Jurassic & Gingko post moved.

Seats near the sun dial have been scrubbed to remove bird dirt.

A stone on the main gate pillar has been moved

9. Publicity

JMG -

Museum had a stand at Raithwaite Hall open day & took park leaflets.
Applying to BID for a heritage app for Whitby.

Box of leaflets taken to TIC.

Facebook -1167 likes. Max reach - 3672, early summer photos
2 recommendations

Tripadvisor - 1 x 5*, 1 x 4* reviews. "not a bit of graffiti or rubbish"
The park is in the hall of fame, having received a certificate of excellence
for 5 years

Google - 50 x 5*, 14 x 4*, 3 x 3* reviews.

"Gardens are immaculate" "Absolutely fabulous park" "super friendly squirrels"
1 x 2*, 1 x * reviews relating to dog ban & traffic near the play area.

Invoice received for £50 for advert in WADS programmes 2019.
We received the ad free for 2018.

10. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Yorkshire in Bloom judging, 4th July. Linda Casper.

Starting 1 pm, accompanied by KW & RB. Meeting other FPP on route.

All year photos prepared, thanks to KH.

Portfolio in for copying.

2 pm - coffee & cakes in the Normanby Room, booked. + display boards etc.

Presentation, Tuesday 10th September, York Racecourse, £35 pp.

Agreed to request a stand. Images required - to ask RW

KH, ND, SH, AN, KW, GW, RW would like to go. Decision, next meeting.

Britain in Bloom judging, Wednesday 31st July

Email sent to AS suggesting changes to judging in the park however this was not
possible. Park judging 9 am, 20 mins. KW & RB to meet judges.

Other FPP on terrace.

Start - gate into Jurassic, then clock & walk through park to main terrace via
Commemorative Garden & sun dial. Pick up at bollards.

Park info provided for judges' hotel rooms.

Visitor survey completed & results sent to MS. Required for Green Flag entry.

FPP Year book later, 16 pages.

11. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £5681.57 in the bank.

Could apply to WTC for funding, August.

14. Friend's events

FPP AGM, Wednesday 26th June. Nominations received.

Annual reports needed - KW, GW, RB.

AS resigned from WTC so is no longer chair of trustees. Vice chair HC now chair.

JP did not stand for re-election to SBC & ST was not re-elected, so we have no SBC Cllrs on MC. Agreed to invite Glen Goodberry & David Chance.

Pannett Day

New prizes order arrived

Civic Society request to sell Whitby summary of SBC conservation plan. Agreed.

Also game for children & promote Anne Dennier's book. £50 donation to FPP.

Story Telling Tent

U3A recorder group

Beyond Housing - no contact

Pippa - outside sales of cakes & cold drinks

Teddy Bears Picnic theme

We are approaching 20 000 hours volunteer gardening, in the autumn.

Suitable celebration. Ideas needed.

12. Friend's social events

Afternoon tea at Perry's - 22nd May 2pm was lovely.

Breakfast, 10 am, at Perry's followed by visit to Gill's garden - August 15th.

13. Any other business

None

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 3rd July 2019