

# Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 6<sup>th</sup> November 2019 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Linda Sims, Bob Bennett, Anne Noble, Keith Wright, Kath Horsley, Steve Smith, Nigel Dixon, Heather Coughlan, Linda Wilkins.

1. Apologies - Chris Roe, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Helen Percival, Glen Goodberry, Roger Burnett, Sheila Johnson.
2. Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> October 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 - at Rusty bug for grit blasting & priming, possibly also painting - quote requested
  - d) Walter & Wynne sculpture - with CR
  - e) Children's University - with SBC
  - f) Tree to be planted 28th November in memory of Dave Laws, near the path from the clock entrance to the museum. General plaque ready to fix on seat.
  - g) WTC have agreed in principle to a collection box in the park.
4. Communication

Information from AVIVA re changes to community fund. Can't apply this year.  
Information about HLF anniversary celebrations. Didn't really fit our grant.  
Woodland Trust offer of trees forwarded from WTC. Agreed not to apply.  
Thanks from a correspondent for copy of AD's book.  
Request from Children & Families Early Help team to do gardening & general maintenance. Referred to CR.  
Email from NFPGS re conference.  
Message from Allotment Society re offer of water lilies. KW collecting.
5. SBC Report

An extremely wet month.  
Planters have been replanted. Roses have all been pruned.  
A replacement rose list has been prepared.  
All the standards, Keresia, to be replaced as they have not done well.  
Spring bedding is complete, hyacinths to add when they arrive.  
Taller marigolds requested for the clock next year because the box is higher.  
450 Allium christophii have been planted in the borders & the half moons.  
Lion's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary crocus to be planted by school groups on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November, on the bank above the clock. Also Ron's Fritillaria, near bottom Chubb Hill gate. FPP white hyacinths to be returned to the park for planting.

A lot of work has been done on Union Steps Rockery. The tree team crown lifted overhanging tree & considerably lightened the footpath. SBC gardeners have cleared the area, including overgrown Ceanothus. Turf is ordered to grass the top area & a rustic fence will be built for safety. Two silver birch have been planted, giving a total of four. Block paving from an old seating area has been unearthed & will be retained as a feature. The area has been measured for planting & CR is producing a suggested planting list.

## 6. Health & Safety

No issues.

## 7. Maintenance

Louis has been soda blasted & returned to the original artist for finishing.

New lock fitted to notice board, but not working.

Tree trail numbers to paint in.

Damaged bin at bottom of peony steps has been removed. Possibly not to be replaced as it is not used a great deal.

WT is planning to clean bird boxes. He will contact KW.

Bottom St Hilda's Terrace gate has been removed as the stone for the bolt has been moved. Consider another way of fixing it or use it at a different entrance.

The byelaws are now fixed to the office wall.

## 8. Publicity

Facebook - 1399 likes. Max reach - 7056 - Whitby's success in Britain in Bloom.

Tripadvisor - 2 x 5\*, 1 x 3\* reviews. Google - 25 x 5\*, 7 x 4\*, 2 x 3\* reviews.

Website problems are being sorted by JB.

Yorkshire in Bloom Platinum Award publicity in Whitby Gazette.

Tree Trail leaflets have almost run out. Decision to order 5000 @ £478.

Success board update needed.

## 9. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Whitby won Gold in Britain in Bloom. Park nominated for discretionary award.

Green flag judging comments suggested information on access for the less mobile could be improved.

## 10. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £6265.61 in the bank. Halloween event made £78.21.

## 11. Friend's events

FPP open meeting, 16<sup>th</sup> October, minutes agreed to go on website subject to confirmation.

Halloween event went well.

All agreed to Easter & Halloween 2020 timings 10.30 to 12.30. Option to carry on later if busy.

FPP ecard for Christmas - thanks to KW for snowy pics.

Usual invitations to lighting Christmas tree - 11<sup>th</sup> December

Visit to new facilities at Dean Road was interesting.

Invitation to put tree in St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival.

## 12. Friend's social events

FPP Christmas lunch - Saxonville, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December. Balance by 6<sup>th</sup> December.

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019