

Minutes of the meeting of the Pannett Park (including Little Park) Management committee, 7th August 2019 2 pm at Whitby Pavilion



Present - Linda Sims, Bob Bennett, Anne Noble, Helen Percival, Kath Horsley, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Keith Wright, Amanda Smith, Linda Wilkins. Glenn Goodberry, SBC Cllr, was welcomed to the committee.

1. **Apologies** - Heather Coughlan, Roger Burnett, Chris Roe.

2. **Minutes of the Management Committee meeting 3rd July 2019.**
The minutes were agreed correct, to be put on the website.

3. **Matters arising from the minutes**

- a) Dave Laws plaque – with SBC
- b) Wheelie bin covers – to be smartened up
- c) Steps from Jubilee Gate into the play area - with MS, SBC
- d) Little Free Library - with JCF
- e) Walter & Wynne sculpture - with Mulgrave Estates

4. **Communication**

GW -

KBT re their cup campaign

Report of accident. Ref. CR.

Request for information on summer activities.

Volunteering inquiry. Contact made but no further contact.

LW -

Friends of Valley Gardens postponing visit to park

Email re photo & comment on Real Whitby website. Concern.

Congratulations on Green Flag from Lit & Phil & Civic Society

Thanks sent relating to Pannett Day support.

Several replies saying what a good day it was.

Email from WTC asking if park would be interested in paying for 1/3 of an advert in Discover Yorkshire Coast magazine, needed very quick decision. Discussed with CR & it was agreed we had not done it before & HLF publicity money coming to an end.

Registered on the RHS community map.

Informed JMG we could not put money into a banner to stand outside the park entrance unless there was permission from NYCC.

RB -

Letter of thanks from WTC, for books for Yorkshire Day visitors.

5. SBC Report

KW reported -

Judging for both Yorkshire in Bloom & Britain in Bloom went well & the park looked stunning. The roses have looked their best ever this year.

Thanks to everyone for their hard work in preparation.

Delighted to be awarded our 10th Green Flag & also heritage site award.

The celebratory tea & scones were most enjoyable. There is no formal feedback as the park was mystery shopped.

The bunting had to be taken down as it was badly damaged. Now replaced.

Xplore are again holding weekly events in the park, during the summer.

Whitby Lions are holding a recruitment & publicity event in the park on Sunday 1st September. Request permission to use PA system & some games. All agreed.

There is the possibility of the Lions providing some planting for the park to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 2020.

Michelle Baggaley of the Children's University, based at the University of Hull has provided us with information about the scheme. It aims to provide reward for primary school children undertaking extra curricular activities, through a structured approach & after school clubs. For the park this could be completing a trail, attending an event or doing a project about something in the park.

We would get both local & national publicity. All agreed the park should be part of the scheme & to register.

6. Health & Safety

Crack developing in the path between the outdoor classroom & the twin rockery.

7. Horticulture

Fritillaria in memory of Ron Whatling to be ordered.

Consider using chilli & garlic spray when planting to deter squirrels.

The Veronicastrum alba for the main border is purple. To be replaced.

Agreed to replanting the area of poppies near the Commemorative Garden.

Yellow Rattle received from HP for the wild flower area.

Union Steps Rockery plans discussed. Site meeting needed - KW & CR.

8. Maintenance

Louis to be removed in the autumn & prepared for repainting by original artist.

"No Dogs" signs are looking faded & need replacing.

Community garden seat needs wooden plugs replacing.

9. Publicity

Facebook - 1301 likes. Max reach - 5270, Pannett Day reminder
Recommendation from supporter in Western Australia
'Beautiful gardens & well maintained'
Tripadvisor - 7 x 5* reviews.
Google - 51 x 5*, 12 x 4* reviews. 2 x 1* reviews relating to dog ban.

100 drone photographs of the park received. £250.

Park listed on the Scarborough Evening News website as one of the top ten most beautiful gardens in North Yorkshire

10. Yorkshire in Bloom & Green Flag

Presentation, Tuesday 10th September, York Racecourse, £35 pp.
9 tickets requested. £15 pp contribution requested.

11. Treasurer's report

AN reported - £5501.35 in the bank.
Pannett Day made £554.18, with a donation from Beacon Farm still to come.
This included a £50 donation from the Civic Society.

14. Friend's events

Pannett Day went really well, although it was very hot.
The local Literacy project launched their hidden book scheme.
We have been offered books for the Little Free Library once it is up and running.
Some visitors were concerned that the prizes were predominantly plastic.
Whitby Civic Society joined us for the first time, a great success.
Agreed we should ask Lord Normanby for a Christmas Tree for the park.
Offer of help from Helen Percival if we have a recruitment event.

12. Friend's social events

August 15th - Breakfast, 10 am, at Perry's followed by visit to Gill's garden
FPP Christmas lunch - Saxonville, Friday 20th December, 1 pm, £17.
To circulate menu.

13. Any other business

None

Date of next meeting - Wednesday 4th September 2019