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Minutes of the Open Meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park  
(including Little Park)  
17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 4 pm in the Normanby Room

Present - Bob Bennett, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Chris Roe, Linda Wilkins,  
Linda Sims, Anne Noble, Heather Coughlan, Kath Horsley,  
Sorrel Hinchliffe.

1. Apologies - Nigel Dixon, Sandra Turner, Keith Wright, Joe Plant,  
Roger Parsons, Lynne Brunskill.
2. Minutes of the Open Meeting March 28<sup>th</sup> 2018.  
These were agreed correct.
3. Minutes of the Pannett Park Management Committee meetings, on 7<sup>th</sup> March,  
4<sup>th</sup> April, 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 6<sup>th</sup> June, 4<sup>th</sup> July, 1<sup>st</sup> August, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2018.  
The minutes were presented to the meeting.  
They had been available on the website.
4. FPP Report - Bob Bennett reported -  
Yet another busy summer in the park...

In spring all of the entrance plaques needed repainting bar the two 'spares'  
That were fitted to the new pillars. After several attempts to clean the dial  
of our floral clock I resorted to painting it.  
The Easter event this year suffered from inclement weather and we sadly  
and reluctantly cancelled it.  
The Friends acted as guides and escorted the U3A around the Park.  
We also had a group excursion to Perry's Plants and afterwards we visited Gill's  
garden, which was admired greatly.  
By popular request I created two more wisteria supports. Thanks to  
John Woodhead for providing the support posts.  
The Museum volunteers were shown around the Park in similar style to the

U3A event. The Joint Marketing Group pull up banner was unveiled at this event. We attended a Publicity Event at Whitby Abbey. The Friends were invited to the official opening celebration for the Morpeth Floral clock. Earlier its Friends Group had visited us to 'pick our brains'.

In the summer our annual Pannett Day celebration took place, the weather was good and we made a record profit. As ever I need to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it a success and especially the students of The Paul Nicholas School of Acting.

The Friends of West Park in Jarrow paid us a short visit, albeit briefly.

A training visit to RHS Harlow Carr in conjunction with U3A went well. The commemorative plaque for the Park Keeper's Cottage was fitted.

Autumn provided a bumper year of Crab Apples, which were harvested and converted into jelly.

We created a bespoke Pannett Park Christmas Card, thanks to Keith for the beautiful photograph.

We were awarded a Muck and Magic certificate for the quality of our herbaceous borders.

The Community Garden is managed by the Friends and a special thank you to Sorrel for taking the lead on this and in particular for her hard work in planning, planting and tending the Community Vegetable Garden.

An enormous amount of time was spent watering this year and of course this was every day, not just in gardening sessions. The resulting harvest was impressive, especially courgettes & beans.

The composting has been given extra attention this year.

There was considerable interest by the visitors to the park in both herbs & vegetables & a guest chef was very enthusiastic about the project.

As ever, everything we achieve in the park is through partnership and I would like to thank Chris Roe, Keith Wright and the park staff for all their hard work and the support they give to the Friends. A huge thank you must go to all the volunteer gardeners.

## 6. SBC Report - Chris Roe reported -

What a glorious summer we have this year probably the best for a very long time, the weather for once has been kind to us. The roses on the terrace flowered and flowered, the grass thankfully didn't .

For me personally moving to a strategic role from a day to day role has been quite steep learning curve, almost vertical at times. However praise must go to Keith Wright and the parks teams for ensuring that things still carried on, so a relatively smooth transition took place.

July saw our 9th Green flag awarded along with for the first time Pannett Park

was awarded Green heritage status. Thanks to everyone for all the hard work in achieving this.

Special praise to Matthew Smartt for all his work in producing the supporting documentation. A celebration was held with The Mayor of Scarborough, Cllr Joseph Plant, who was a founding member of the Friends of Pannett Park.

Pannett Park was also judged as part of Whitby in Bloom's entry into Yorkshire in bloom and congratulations to Whitby in bloom in achieving Gold.

Key events -

A new compass rose was installed in the commemorative garden. This replaced the previous design and was very well received.

All the Park gates were grit blasted and powder coated, hopefully they will last another 100 years.

We somehow managed to gain two antique vases for the museum terrace and these were grit blasted, painted and placed in situ.

The timeline stones were updated with two additions.

The explorer events were a success, the weather certainly helping.

Whitby town Council and Whitby Lions supported the purchase and installation of a defibrillator which is accessible 24 hours a day. This was used as publicity for the launch of the newly formed Whitby Defibrillator Project.

A new chainsaw sculpture is to be commissioned shortly.

Thanks to Sorrel for all her hard work into the community garden.

People are now starting to realise its potential.

Future developments -

Possibly a sculptured sign post

Tree planting and bed developments

A return of an old regular who was a park legend!

7. Volunteer Gardener's Report - Gill Wood reported -  
Notes from a Volunteer Gardener March 2018 to October 2018

April. The month started with cold, water-logged ground. Weeding was carried out in the sun dial borders, Harry Eatough Bed, Museum borders, main drive borders, St. Hilda's Terrace borders & Rose Garden.

Cornus pruning continued. Regular checking of climbers started.

The corner near the main gates was tidied.

Edging of the main drive was carried out.

May. Cool, windy and wet to start the month, followed by a heatwave.

St. Hilda's Terrace border, main drive border & Jurassic Garden were weeded.

Rose beds were weeded & edged, Bagdale fernery was tidied & weeded, climbers were tied in regularly.

Seasonal bedding & bulbs were removed, the bulbs to be reused elsewhere.

June. Twin rockeries were tidied & sedum Chelsea chopped. Museum borders

& rose beds were weeded & edged. Watering of new planting was carried out. The Lily Pool was topped up after a long dry spell.

July. With Yorkshire in Bloom judging pending, extra sessions were worked. Watering continued throughout the month.

The Jurassic Garden was weeded & dead fern foliage removed.

Herbaceous planting was cut back where necessary & hollyhocks staked.

Dead-heading of roses continued. St. Hilda's Terrace border was weeded & tidied.

August. Herbaceous planting was tidied, wisteria pruned, & watering continued.

The Lily Pool area was weeded & swept.

All roses were regularly dead-headed and the beds weeded & edged.

September. Work continued to keep herbaceous planting tidy.

There was no let up in the watering.

The Commemorative Garden was tidied, Lavandula around the Harry Eatough Bed was pruned, the corner near the main gates was weeded & the phormium groomed.

Floral Clock bedding was pulled & the area edged off.

October. The Jurassic Garden was weeded & tidied. Watering continued.

Climbing roses were pruned. The half moons, main drive border & museum border were weeded & leaves raked off herbaceous planting.

The seasonal bedding was pulled & the beds edged off.

The Lily Pool area was swept.

A new volunteer has been recruited this month.

As always thanks to the SBC team for their continuing support.

Volunteer gardening hours for this year:1087, & since 2005:17,851.

8. Dates to note

31<sup>st</sup> October - Halloween in the Park

5<sup>th</sup> November - Pippa's lunch

13<sup>th</sup> November - dementia awareness training

10<sup>th</sup> December - FPP Christmas dinner

12<sup>th</sup> December - switching on Christmas tree lights

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 4pm, Normanby Room