

**Minutes of the Open Meeting of
Pannett Park (including Little Park)
Management Committee
21st March 2024, 3.30 pm, Normanby Room**

Present

Otis Bailey, Chris Roe, Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Sorrel Hinchliffe, Anne Noble, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Cllr Neil Swannick, Nigel Dixon, Cllr Heather Coughlan.

Apologies

Chris Edey, Kath Horsley, Keith Wright, Linda Sims.

1. Minutes of last meeting, March 2023

These were agreed correct, proposed HC, seconded AN.

2. NYC Report (OB)

The new bed in the Community Garden is complete.

The Harry Eatough Bed has been replanted with roses in pastel colours.

Discussion followed about the recent spate of vandalism -

Main gates swung on & stone pillars damaged, dangerous & expensive to repair.

Sun dial swung on and securing bolts pulled out, now repaired.

Further damage in Lily Pool area, newly planted, donated tree snapped in half, coping stones removed & damaged, graffiti, litter in pool.

All have been reported to police

Increased PCSO presence would improve the situation if possible.

NYP have permission to install wild life cameras

CCTV coverage in the area is old, poor images saved to a hard drive.

An order for new camera with remote tilt & zoom, live streamed to Scarborough Town Hall with link to North Yorkshire Police has been approved by NYC. CR to chase.

NS will ensure Cllr David Chance is aware of the situation.
Holly tree near pool to be cut back to improve visibility.
WTC no longer employ a night time security company.

The damage to the Lily Pool pavilion, last year, is scheduled for repair week 22nd April.

On behalf of WTC HC thanked all who cared for the park.

2. FPP Report (RB)

We were very sad to hear of the death of Sandra Turner, who did so much for the park. Particularly splatting bats & rats and checking & cleaning bird boxes.

A stone remembering Robert Elliott Pannett is in the Lion's path of celebration near the flag pole on the West Cliff.

Christmas 2023 -

The Park Xmas tree went up as planned. Sadly we again needed to cancel our traditional tree lighting ceremony due to appalling weather conditions. However we did celebrate with drinks at the Resolution. The tree in the St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival looked lovely, thanks to Sue. This year the Friend's E card was an image of the floral clock in the snow
The Friend's Christmas lunch was again held at the Saxonville.

The Friends' Insurance and RHS membership was renewed.

Plans for the community garden are well underway, with Nigel planting the two raised beds & a group working on the veg plot, which will again feature Sandra's sunflowers.

The Little Free Library continues to be very popular.

Nigel has put in a lot of hours tending the lily pool and we have been rewarded by an abundance of wildlife; toads, frogs and newts as well of course as thriving water lilies. Union steps rockery is the other focus of his care.

The Narcissi bought by the Friends in the autumn are bursting into flower and look fabulous. N. Carlton on the bank & N. tete a tete around trees & in various clumps.

I was delighted to see Ron Watling's, willow tree thriving & covered in "pussy willow".

Last but not least I would like to thank everyone for all their efforts in the park, particularly the NYC team.

3. Events in the Park

Whitby Lions are holding an event in the park - Thursday 30th May, 11 to 3.

Rotters & chef, games, story telling, plant & book stalls, lion hunt, FPP, Civic society, Museum, Art Gallery, Beacon Farm

Next Meeting

AGM - Thursday 17th October 2024.