

Minutes of the open meeting of the Friends of Pannett Park 17th March 2022 2.30 pm, zoom meeting

Present - Bob Bennett, Linda Wilkins, Nigel Dixon,
Heather Coughlan, Otis Bailey, Anne Noble, Richie Sanderson,
Glen Goodberry.

Apologies

Sorrel Hinchliffe, Gill Wood, Ron Wood, Linda Sims, Chris Roe,
Kath Horsley.

SBC Report

RS reported -

The park is looking good. There have not been many major changes since the last meeting.

The lily pool fountain is due to be turned on soon so we will be able to see if the rocks placed around it have reduced the ripples & splash.

Any play area equipment made of marine ply will systematically be replaced by densotec board over the next few months.

All three contributions to the Queen's Green Canopy have now been planted, a Tulip Tree near the cottage, planted by Whitby Town Mayor, Councillor Linda Wilde, a Silver Birch just outside Little Park and an Austrian Pine in the Jurassic Garden. Dogwood "Midwinter Fire" has been planted around the Silver Birch. There is a watering schedule planned.

Various dogwoods have been planted in the perimeter borders. In the Chubb Hill border there is a mix of red, lime green & black varieties.

FPP

RB reported -

Nov/Dec

The park retained the Green Flag Award for another year which was celebrated with a discrete ceremony at the flagpole with chocolates and fizz.

We received a plaque for the park commemorating 25 years of the Green Flag Scheme and it is now mounted on the wall at the bottom St Hilda's Terrace entrance. At the same time I removed the now unneeded gate fittings from the stone work.

The planting on Union Steps Rockery has been enhanced by thousands of bulbs, the transplanting of snow drops and various other donated plants. It is looking fabulous & is much admired this spring. The narcissus "Arctic Bells" in Little Park have been particularly appreciated.

The tree in the St Mary's Church Christmas Tree Festival looked lovely, thanks to Linda and Michael.

The Park Xmas tree proved problematic this year with excessive wind causing damage to the lights which needed extensive repairs, now once again fully functioning. Ron Wood did the honours of officially switching on the lights this year. As usual we enjoyed Mrs. Roe's excellent Christmas cake, mince pies & famous lemon drizzle cake, washed down with mulled wine.

Jan/Feb

We are grateful once again to Walter Turner for maintaining the Bird boxes and reporting back his ornithological findings. Squirrels had destroyed the aluminium plates, designed to prevent them accessing the eggs & chicks. The plates have now been replaced by steel ones.

Louis has been repaired again, following his most recent attack by vandals, and is now back in a position overseen by a CCTV camera.

Anne has eventually managed to sort out the new account with Barclays Bank and we are able to pay bills again. The first was to pay the Friends' Insurance and RHS membership renewal.

We made a decision not to enter Yorkshire in Bloom this year.

Friends events

Easter in the Park - Wednesday 20th April, 11 to 2

Visit to RHS Harlow Carr - Monday 9th May, 11 am

WTC Platinum Jubilee Picnic in the Park - Thursday 2nd June, 11 to 3

Pannett Day - Wednesday 27th July, 11 to 3

Date of next meeting

FPP AGM - Thursday 23rd June, 2.30, Normanby Room