



**Friends of Hamworthy Park is a
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MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON 18TH OCTOBER IN HAMWORTHY LIBRARY

Thirty eight people signed the Attendance Register

1. **Apologies:** Christine Gadsdon, Keith Fuller, Chris Allenby
2. **Pat Bullock welcomed** everyone to the meeting and invited the Trustees to introduce themselves.
 - Roy Norman – advisor on matters relating to construction – particularly the paddling pool.
 - Ann Smeaton – Secretary and related matters
 - Stan Chatterton – Financial guru, Carpenter, Gardener, etc, etc...
 - Dave Harris – very valued technical advisor and communications expert: Website/Facebook/Newsletter, etc...
 - Pat Bullock – Chair and general dogsbody
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3. **FOHP matters October 2017 – October 2018**
Presentation by Pat Bullock, Chair FOHP

We, the Friends have had a busy year. Our ongoing priority is the Paddling Pool which needs major refurbishment work to be undertaken - not just a patch-up job.

Some serious fundraising was needed.

Fund raising has been fantastic involving all manner of Groups and our Community. With all their help and donations we have held some really good events, and we are now being asked by other groups to join them at their events.

Our first big task in the park was to take down the sheep pens. A number of people said it was the wrong thing to do, but I think that now you are able to see what we were trying to achieve. We hope you like the result. The bulbs were planted by local families and Muddy Boots Nursery. These gave a wonderful display and more bulbs are due to be planted next month. As you probably know, the wood from the sheep pens didn't go to waste as our clever Treasurer, Stan, made planters benches bird tables etc. out of the wood and sold them.

Our Plant Sales, Easter Fayre, our Annual Fete and Produce Sales have - with all your and Park users support - been brilliant. Our Christmas Fayre at Turlin Moor was a disappointment, but we made up for it in the Park the next day when we had a great day.

We also decided to create a Calendar in order to create funds. This was a great success and we are now on our third year of Calendars. A big thank you is extended to our sponsors and also to those who provided photos. Our thanks go to Dave for his hard work in designing and creating this calendar. We also decided to have Christmas cards. These too sold well. Then, as we were getting really nice pictures, it was decided to try open cards. These too are selling well.

One of our biggest successes is the "FOHP Collection Tins" which are deposited in shops, clubs and the Coop. The funds from the Book Sales in the Co-op entrance also go in their Tin. We have to keep topping up these books so if you have any paper backs that you don't want - please let us know. Another thank you to Stan

Our projects don't stop here though. We have other things in the Park that need doing - so our fundraising is ongoing. Our next priority is the wall around the Pool. This is the only remnant of the original 1930's pool.

I would like to thank all our Helpers, Knitters, cake makers, etc. and, finally, all the Volunteers in our Wednesday Group for all your help in keeping our Park lovely. Thank you all very much

PB also read out the following statement regarding the paddling pool that had been forwarded by Katie Azulay, BoP Recreation Development Officer:

'...Borough of Poole are working with a design company and have created a similar sized base for the paddling pool.

The design is a piled option, which has a reduced risk of settlement and risk of future cracking, compared to the current one with foundations directly onto the ground. The existing concrete paddling pool basin will be demolished and the new one constructed in its place.

The tender process is going live across November with the contractor being awarded in December. Construction work will commence in January and last approximately three months.

The new, developed paddling pool will re-open, as normal, in May 2019...'

4. Communication / Compliance

Henceforth there will be two public meetings per year (one being the AGM). The AGM will take place in the spring of each year (date depending on Easter holidays) and the Public Meeting will take place in September/October.

DM explained that park users can keep up to date with matters relating to the park via FOHP's Website, Facebook and the quarterly Newsletter. A 'Blogging' section has now been added. Hopefully, such technology also enables park users to express their views and concerns.

This year, like all other Organisations, FOHP has had to comply with GDPR rules. Our Privacy Policy can be viewed on the website.

5. Financial Update

SC provided a full explanation of financial deposits and withdrawals.

At last, Santander has sorted out our Four Accounts which prior to a takeover had been with Alliance and Leicester. Over this difficult time it has been possible to put money into to our accounts, but writing a cheque has been impossible. SC deserves a medal for his tenacity.

FOHP Main Accounts as at 15.10.18

Reserve Account	£12,544.42
Current Account	1,286.20
Cash	<u>191.90</u>
TOTAL	= <u>£14,022.52</u>

FOHP Padding Poole Accounts as at 15.10.18

Reserve Account	£25,640.58
Current Account:	374.45
Cash	<u>112.47</u>
TOTAL	= <u>£26,127.50</u>

SC is happy to supply copies of the full statements to Members, upon request.

6. Matters brought up and discussed

- The Wall around paddling pool: This wall used to have a balustrade topping. This was removed in 1998 when the current paddling pool was constructed. The resultant exposed mortar has deteriorated to such an extent that parts of the wall could tumble. There is a need to have the wall cleaned and repointed and generally made good. Perhaps there is a need to contact a stonemason.
- Erosion has occurred and continues to occur at the Eastern end (between the little bridge and outlet). Permission to deal with this situation has now been received from the Environment Agency and Marine Conservation Authority. The large Purbeck stones that were sited where the new beach huts have been constructed are to be used in this location as well as about 90 others – via Rachel Palmer– our BoP Park Officer.
- Smell at Eastern End: - this smell was first noticed at the beginning of August. Is it a consequence of the hot weather? Or is something more sinister? Poole Harbour Commissioners and Poole Yacht Club to be contacted. .
- A new Board (provided by Borough of Poole) containing 3 or 4 litter-pickers and bags can now be found outside the Café. These are now appearing all over the country. They are called 'Two Minute Litter Boards'. The purpose is to encourage EVERYONE to participate in keeping the park clean – when they have a couple of minutes to spare.
- Footbridge over the railway: It was pointed out that the lights on the bridge which are hidden behind Perspex covers do not work. Attention needed.
- Could there be a 'Halt Sign' marking at the exit of the carpark? Pedestrians on the pavement are at considerable risk in this location. Perhaps the bush could also be cut back. The high curb that has been installed at the nearby bus stop is also causing problems.
- Car parking charges will stop at the end of October. Barrier will be re-installed. Harbour Challenge to be requested to leave barrier open if it has not been raised when they start work.
- Complaint made about the attitude of staff at Harbour Challenge Activities Centre. A grandmother was given incorrect information and her grandchildren could not use the facility as had been promised. So, instead, they went on to Poole Park and had no such problems. The attitude of staff upset her and this has not been addressed by the Centre despite them being made aware. PB to ask them to address this matter as it is not good publicity for the Park.

- A Member asked about the procedure for appointing Trustees. The procedure is outlined in detail in section 12 onwards of the FOHP Constitution. This can be found on the FOHP Website at <https://friendsofhamworthypark.co.uk/fohp-constitution/>. This will be tackled in greater depth in an article in the autumn Newsletter.
- Is the fence around the paddling pool going to be replaced? No, but paint is being provided by BoP. Painting to take place throughout the winter on fence areas that are not affected by paddling pool refurbishment. Possibly some of the benches could be painted too. Currently, there are plenty of volunteers.
- A wildflower area is being proposed – most probably behind the flood bank near Lulworth Avenue – hopefully the schools will be involved in this project.
- The number of volunteers is increasing and there is an urgent need for an FOHP Storage Lockup. The ideal place would be adjacent to the Pump House. There was a suggestion that FOHP should just go ahead and put one there.
- CVS is putting in a funding bid to combat loneliness. FOHP, in the recent past, has held fitness walks followed by coffee. In recent days there has been mention in the press about 'Social Prescriptions' to combat loneliness/fitness/mental health. The Surgery might make use of the park again.
- FOHP Constitution provides for the care of other green spaces in the area Does anyone else live by a green space? It then transpired that one of our FOHP volunteers is the mystery litter-picker of Cobbs Lane (by the Red Lion PH). We had wondered who this was – and now we know. This volunteer also goes to Lake Pier and Little Beach. Another member has offered to litter pick along Rigler Road. Chloe (aged 3) already 5 litter-picks with her Gran whilst walking to the park on Wednesday morning.

It's all happening in Hamworthy and on this happy note the meeting ended with tea and biscuits.