



**Minutes Friends of Hamworthy Park
Trustees Meeting
held on 7th January 2019**

All Trustees were In attendance: Pat Bullock, Stan Chatterton, Roy Norman, Dave Harris, Ann Smeaton

The Meeting was quorate

1. **The Minutes of Meeting** of 6th November 2018 were approved

2. **Matters Arising:**

3. **Financial Update**

FOHP's financial year ended on 31st December 2018.

There was £15,286.72 in the Main Account on that date.

SC still finalising the Paddling Pool Account.

4. Paddling Pool

A meeting with BoP Officers and Councillors has been arranged to take place on 9th January.

Matters to be raised:

- Time slippage continues to be a concern. Originally, it was proposed that work would start in August 2018. Now the date has been set for 11th January, with completion anticipated in May 2019.
- It is understood that three tenders have been submitted, but names as yet have not been officially disclosed.

If Avon is chosen as the developer, concern was raised with regard to overall management of the project. Avon constructed the footbridge between the Park and Harbour Reach almost four years ago and remedial work is still ongoing including:

Water corrosion on the stanchion

Mortar is breaking away

Wires are continually being vandalised costing £200 a time to repair.

Problems with lighting

CCTV cameras are being considered.

Overall management of this project was poor / non-existent and this raises major concerns with regard to the construction of the paddling pool.

5. Annual Report

This needs to be ready in good time for the AGM scheduled for April 2019.

AS to use minutes to draft details of FOHP's endeavours since October 2017.

SC to complete financial details.

The Report will then be forwarded to HMRC.

6. Newsletter

DH advised that the Newsletter is almost ready. Paddling Pool section will be finalised after meeting of 9th January. AS to book a date for the AGM at the Library – hopefully, either 9th, 10th or 11th April.

7. AOB

Calendars

Possibly about 100 still not sold – so about 200 were sold, resulting in a good profit.

Agreed that price of remaining Calendars be reduced to £2.50.

No decision made as to what to do for 2020, but DH anticipates he will be very busy at the crucial time.

Paddling Pool perimeter walls

At Wednesday's meeting, the matter of the loose bricks needs to be raised. The situation is getting dangerous. What should be done, when (the most appropriate time) and who should undertake this task

Wild Flower Area

Agreed to go ahead, but firstly official permission needs to be gained from Rachel Palmer.
The area behind the Floodbank on the western side of the park has been earmarked as suitable,
The only way to a successful conclusion is to buy turf impregnated with wild seed.
This can be obtained from a place in Basingstoke.
There will be a need to insure that this area is NOT strimmed.
Toad orchids and poppy seeds also to be planted.

Erosion

Although permission to undertake remedial work has been granted from all necessary bodies, as yet there is no sign of any action. Rachel Palmer to be contacted.

Blandford Road Planters

Planters outside the Library and Tuckers Corner have been bedded up, but more colour is needed.
Hopefully, community involvement might occur after the planters at Carters Avenue and Symes Road are bought up to standard.

DH suggested that there is a need to create a volunteering event to encourage community involvement.
After the November litter pick, DH chatted to a 'nice lady at the Adam Practice' who advised that health walks work well in other areas.

PB: Formerly such health walks / tasks in park were run by the Borough, but lack of information meant that it was impossible to keep track of attendees when they failed to turn up. More collaboration would be needed if such walks were to take place in future.

Surgery would like area tied up.

A community garden is proposed by the Church in front of the Nursery. There is a potential for collaboration.

Litter Picking

Litter Picking went well by the Recreation Ground in December.

Tuckers Field needs attention, as does the pathway between the Rec and Bridleway 108 as well as the play area by Carrisbrook Crescent - close to where a zig zag pathway is proposed to serve the Barratt development.

DH to draw up a programme. High viz jackets and first aid pack to be available at all 'picks'.

Shelter in Park

As discussed previously there is a need for a shelter within the play area as well as another at the Eastern End. SC to investigate.

Seagull droppings on swings

Lots of mess apparent this week.

Permission from Borough would be needed to resolve situation.

In the meanwhile, SC to look into matter.

DH suggested that a list be drawn up of all current issues for which permission from BoP is required.

Attendees at AGM to be asked if they have any concerns.

Future Events:

- Easter Bunny Event: Easter Sunday, 21st April 2019 commencing at 10.30am
Talk to Warren re supply of eggs
Event to include publicity table / cake stall / tombola / bunnies
Need to purchase 50 each of blank fridge magnets and key rings.
- Plant Sale - Sunday 19th May
SC to refrain from ordering supplies until PB has worked out what might be required.
- Fete - Saturday, 6th July.
SC: we really do need to book a band – we have sufficient funds.
DH suggested that request be made on Facebook for bands / children's entertainers.

Co-op

SG to arrange another date. AS cannot make first Thursday in month.

£202.77 allocated to FOHP on Co-op website - as at 7th January