



**Minutes of Friends of Hamworthy Park
Trustees Meeting
Held on 26th February 2019
CIO Charity No 1175089**

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

The Meeting was quorate.

The Minutes of Meeting of 7th January 2019 were approved.

Matters Arising: Issue with Birds' dropping on swings is still ongoing. It has been observed that seagulls seem to be avoiding stainless steel.

Financial Update:

Main Account: £10,112.06

Paddling Poole Account: £1,922.19

Proposed Letter to Janet Walton - Leader of Council

SC had drawn up a letter to Cllr Janet Walton, the Leader of the Council, concerning inaccuracies contained in Echo reports of her version of what actually was the case when FOHP was told at a Borough of Poole Meeting on 9th January 2019 that FOHP would need to provide a further £83,696 by 21st January or the paddling pool project would not proceed. Cllr White was present at this meeting Cllr Walton was not present.

Debate ensued as to whether it was appropriate to send this letter as the Council would be dissolved in just a month's time.

What did we want to achieve?

What would sending the letter achieve?

Certainly, it seemed to FOHP that a further £6,000 had been taken from them when there was no need. Helen Craig had informed the January meeting that FOHP had these funds (which had been earmarked for other improvements).

After a long debate, it was agreed that, instead of sending the letter, the matter would be discussed in detail with Members at the AGM. All the true facts would then be in the AGM Minutes and be posted onto the FOHP Website.

The great news is that the pool is being refurbished with completion estimated to be end of April. It is understood that a breakdown of costs should be available on completion.

A photoshoot has been organised to take place at 12 noon on 27th February at the paddling pool. Officers and BoP Councillors to be in attendance as well as FOHP. Apologies from AS and DH.

Annual Report to HMRC

The Report has now been agreed and is almost ready to be submitted to HMRC. DH to help AS with technical details. As FOHP income is less than £25,000, there is no need for accounts to be audited.

AGM

This is due to take place on the 11th April 2019 in Hamworthy Library commencing at 7.00pm.

DH will be elected formally.

In accordance with the Constitution, a third of Trustees are required to stand down. AS and SC will volunteer. Both are willing to be re-elected.

Paddling Pool

RN has been on site. He has a good relationship with the Site Manager – who has a 'Hamworthy connection'.

All seems to be progressing well.

Very wet/soft conditions beneath the paddling pool site have required a change from the proposed augered pilling to percussion pilling.

Sadly, a few days ago, an hydraulic pump was stolen from the pilling machinery on site.

It is understood that the base of the new pool will have a textured finish (no additional coating).

Chris Hurlock has complained that he was not advised that paddling pool work was to take place.

Community Engagement – gardening/litter-picking/Co-op

The Wednesday Morning Group continues to flourish which is evident from the overall appearance of the park.

The Saturday morning clean ups are regularly attended by some 15 – 20 volunteers.
The next Saturday clean-up is scheduled to take place on the 9th March at the Rec.
The following date is 6th April when Tuckers Field will be the focus of attention.
Marilyn Chatterton regularly litter-picks at Tuckers Field.

The area around McColls needs further attention.
A shredder or similar is needed at the Bluebell Wood area to clear rubbish.
Woodland meeting to take place at the end of March

SC willing to plant flowers that currently are blooming in his greenhouse.
DH has spoken to the Allotment Gardeners who advised that they may have surplus produce / plants available when we have a sale. DH to place an appropriate sign on Allotment Fence.

Co-op Days continue to be successful. They provide an excellent PR platform. Another day to be arranged to take place at end of April.

Are there any other areas that need attention? Ask at AGM.

It is understood that there is a group that looks after the Lake Pier/Common area. It would be good to liaise.

Bunny Hunt 21st April

PB to speak to Mike Clarke re eggs.

Suggested that cardboard eggs be deposited around the park with appropriate info for hunt..... number/colour/letter

Attractions:

Usual 'Hutch'

Tombola

SC's game

Plant Sale 19th May

PB has a load of begonias and 170 geraniums.

Somewhere PB has seen advert for 72 perennial plants for £9.99. To search further.

SC has sweet peas and strawberries.

Also Cake stall

AOB

Permission has been granted for a 3 metre x 5 metre wild flower area behind the bund on western side.

One adjacent resident has voiced concerns re moss.

Lewis wants to meet to make arrangements

AS queried what had happened to the Master Plan (four years in the making).

Concern raised that an area of Public Open Space was to be fenced off at the eastern end to protect birds.

This area is designated as an acceptable area for bait digging. It is also a space for dogs to run which does not interfere too much with children on the main beach areas.

Dogs are not allowed within the fenced play area.

It is understood that a Consultation is currently underway.

What is our next major project? The old paddling pool wall needs attention. There might be a local builder willing to do job. Need to discuss at AGM