



**Minutes of FOHP Members Meeting  
held on 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022  
In Hamworthy Library**

Trustees in attendance: Pat Bullock, Dave Harris, Karl Stokes, Renee Clarke, Ann Smeaton  
Twenty-one people signed the Attendance Register.  
There were no apologies.

1. **Pat Bullock** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. **Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019:**

AS explained that the last FOHP Members Meeting was held two and a half years ago - before Lockdown. Post Lockdown FOHP held an AGM. So now, six months on, we are holding a Members Meeting. Henceforth. The FOHP Annual General Meeting will be held in October and the Members Meeting in April. The Minutes of the Meeting of 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019 were appraised and approved.

3. **Matters Arising:** None

4. **Financial Update;**

Business Account

Total Income:	£3,436.39
Total Expenditure:	£2,878.18

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021: £18,638.90

Funds held as follows:	Reserve Account	18,436.06
	Current Account	93.69
	Cash	<u>109.15</u>
	TOTAL	<u>£18,638.90</u>

Paddling Pool Account

Funds held as follows:	Reserve Account	<u>£1,999.74</u>
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5. **To approve Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31.12.21**

Re paddling pool:

Cllr Daniel Butt informed the meeting that the Council is looking at carrying out repairs. The saga regarding the sealant still is ongoing. The workman with task of tackling the problem has discovered a suitable sealant that does the job, but for some reason or other he is not allowed to use it. Four new sealants are being tried. Also grouting between tiles is missing,

Children often get cut feet when paddling. Shells being dropped into the pool by seagulls could be part of the reason. Perhaps a prominent sign should be installed suggesting that children should wear Crocs or similar foot protection.

Wall around the pool is a cause for concern

Although the Council is reluctant to recognise the need for repointing, FOHP believes that without repointing the wall could tumble! There is an accident waiting to happen.

Repointing would be a costly exercise.

Perhaps CIL funding should be sought to help fund the work.

Project originally was in the remit of Jan Hill, but has been transferred to Rachel Palmer.

Repairs to Promenade

It is refreshing to report that the Coastal Assets Department dealing with this issue is BRILLIANT. The problem area stretches from the former boating lake outlet up to the end of prom at the eastern end. Initially patch repairs were undertaken. Since then, plans have been drawn up for a more comprehensive solution and funds have been made available.

NB: The revised BCP Seafront Strategy runs from Rockley Point to Hengistbury Head. Previously Hamworthy was not included

#### Erosion at Eastern end

The long promised large boulders - that would hinder erosion - are still not installed at the eastern end of the Park. Council Officer, Jez Martin now expects work to be undertaken in September.

#### Area in front of Playground on seaward side

Sand is blown into this area thus making it very hazardous. People are known to have fallen. Sand can be as deep as 8 inches by the fence.

Paving the area would be very, very expensive.

Bournemouth University has been working on using plants to alleviate such situations.

Perhaps paving and plants could be combined to keep cost down.

#### Western end flood bank

Walking along the top of this bank is no longer permitted.

The entrance to the carpark has been blocked off.

FOHP spoke to Sir Robert Symes, MP in the park about this issue.

The fencing is due to stay until September, but once it is removed, it will be difficult to stop people using this route, whatever the rules.

Sadly, the wildflower area behind the bank which was planted by local children cannot be seen.

#### Eastern end floodbank

Walking appears to be permitted on this bank where the public path/cycle route runs alongside.

Dismay was expressed that the bank is often cut back when it is lush and providing a haven for wildlife.

Why? - EA to be contacted re policy for cutting.

FOHP did endeavour to create wildflower area behind this bank - without success.

#### Flower bed at Lulworth Avenue entrance to park

Following a donation in memory of John Burge, FOHP decided to make major improvements to this bed.

This is now a Memorial Garden for John Burge, Fred Winwood, Keith Chick and Roy Norman. Their families came to the Park just after Christmas and planted column flowering cherry trees.

Three further trees were planted by the carpark entrance wall.

#### Shade in the Park

The play area still needs some shade.

However, we have been successful in clearing the copse at the eastern end and the western end of the park.

After which picnic tables/benches were installed under the shade of the trees in both locations.

Antisocial behaviour in these areas has now reduced.

There is a need for litter bins or even signs to encourage users not to drop litter.

#### Fence painting

Prior to painting, Stan Chatterton carried out an enormous amount of repair work to the fence around the play area. Now, with just four more panels to do, the entire fence has nearly had one coat of paint.

THE MEETING GAVE APPROVAL TO THE FOHP TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
FOR YEAR ENDING 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2021

#### **INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

- Plant Sale will take place on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 10.30am.
- The Fete will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. Poole Rowing Regatta is also taking place in the Park on this day. FOHP will be using the eastern area of grass between the play area and adventure centre. Fete carparking will be in the usual place. The Regatta will use the western side.

- Request was made for the '*dangerous swinging thing*' (windsurf simulator) to be removed. Matter to be investigated. Cllr DB to look into possibility of CIL to resolve situation. The other exercise equipment is great.
- The pathway near to South Coast Adventures has roots growing out of the pathway which are hazardous. Needs attention.
- There is a need for Nappy Bins in the toilets.  
New toilets are lovely, but two of the ladies' cubicles are very difficult to access. Perhaps the toilet doors could be changed to open outward.  
The middle cubicle has a 'dodgy bolt'.  
The wall wash's programme is too fast: It is impossible to wash hand effectively.
- South Coast Adventures are willing to have a Defibrillator fitted on the outside of their building. Funding would be needed. KS to investigate and work with Cllr DB on matter.
- Bird poo on the swings continues to be an issue. FOHP tried yellow paint which did not work. The spikes that FOHP installed were removed by the Council. Agreed that FOHP would put cable ties around the top in an endeavour to resolve the situation.
- Seagulls in the paddling pool are causing problems. As an experiment, a plastic falcon was positioned strategically. It worked! Suggested: Reflective tape / cable ties.
- The Adam Practice is supporting a Walking Group on Tuesdays. It meets at 9.20am by the Café. The walk starts at 9.30am after which they have a chat at the Café.  
NB: The Council runs Training Days at Upton Park for people who would like to lead such walks.
- Rules regarding cycling on the prom are very confusing. The rules on the Website are different from other Council directives.  
In summer, cycling along the prom is a problem. Common sense is needed.  
A cycle route on the western side of park would resolve the situation.
- It has been observed that recycling waste and non-recycling waste are both emptied into the same lorry. Why?

NB Danielle Tuddenham can get signs printed for FOHP