



**Minutes of Friends of Hamworthy Park CIO
Annual General Meeting
held on 13th October 2022**

Charity No 1175089

Trustees: Pat Bullock, David Harris, Karl Stokes

Attending: PB, DH, Fiona Rainback and 18 members

Agenda:

- Minutes of the last AGM 23rd Oct 2021
- Financial Report
- Thanks to outgoing Trustees
- Election of new Trustees
- Review of Park Matters/projects
- 2023 Summer Fete
- Informal discussion

1. Apologies: Karl Stokes, Wesley Heyman

2. Minutes of last AGM held on 27th October 2021 were discussed and approved

3. Financial Report: FR, FOHPs new Treasurer, gave an in-depth explanation of the Financial Reports - copies were made available and the summary will be posted in the "docuemnts" section of the FOHP website. Overall, FOHPs finances are in good health with fundraising activities bringing in enough money to cover expenses. We are waiting on the council to approve a number of projects in the park, at which point we expect much of the money raised so far will finally be used.

The following is the Financial Report for 2022 up to 5th October 2022.



Summary of Accounts 1st January 2022 to 5th October 2022

Main Account

Current Account £1966.69
Reserve Account £16543.05

TOTAL £18509.74

Paddling Pool Account

Current Account £0.00
Reserve Account £2000.48

TOTAL £2000.48

Cash and Unbanked Cheques

Cash £1005.75
Unbanked cheques £45

TOTAL £1050.75

Items of Significant Expenditure (>£100)

Main Account

Xmas Card Printing £257.86
2023 FOHP Calendar Printing £955.80
Bulbs for Produce Sale £128.34
FOHP Annual Insurance £179.11
Sea Cadets (FOHP Summer Fete) £200.00
Bluebell Woods Notice Board £330.00
New picnic benches for the park £2402.40

Paddling Pool Account

No Expenditure

Items of Significant Income (>£100)

Main Account

2023 FOHP Calendar Advertising £400.00
2023 Produce Sale (Paypal) £177.33
Ice Cream Van at Summer Fete £140.00
Collection Tins £155.00
FOHP Summer Fete £1145.00
Excess Petty Cash £180.00
Paypal Card Payments £201.74

Paddling Pool Account

No Income



4. Thanks to outgoing trustees: There was a vote of thanks to all our outgoing trustees that had retired earlier in the year: Ann Smeaton, Stan Chatterton and Renee Clarke. Stan and Ann have been stalwart in their support of the Friends over many years. Both leave behind big shoes to be filled.

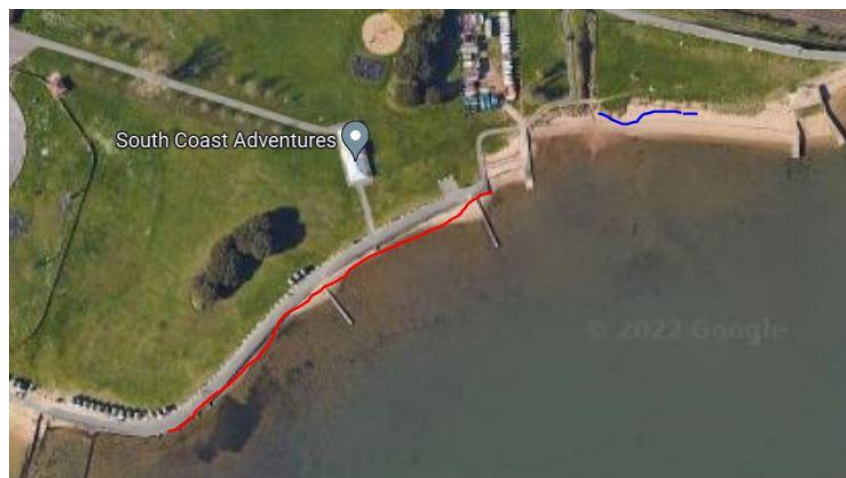
5. Election of Trustees: Fiona Rainback, Ian Fraser and Eira Hill were all put forward as trustees. All attendees agreed unanimously with the proposal. So FR, IF and EH were duly elected. Thank you to them!

6. Review of Park Matters/projects

There are a number of ongoing projects in the park. Some funded by BCP and some funded by the Friends either directly or via Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding. To give some context, due to the ongoing financial issues at BCP, all Council projects that haven't yet begun have been postponed until BCP can agree a new budget. We must wait until then to see if the projects will go ahead or not. Projects are listed below.

Refacing of the Seawall/Promenade - on hold

This project was being overseen by Matt Hosey at the Coastal Assessts Team. His department had created a department budget surplus and planned to use that to complete this project. The BCP project freeze has put paid to this project in the short term and there is no guarantee the budget surplus will survive the new council-wide budget. Councillor Daniel Butt said he has raised this with the head of the Council, Drew Mellor. (Area of refacing shown in red)





Rocks to Combat Erosion at the EasternEnd of the Park - on hold

The long delayed (5 years) project to get rocks in place on the eroding eastern end of the park is also on hold. This was also raised with Drew Mellor by Cllr Butt. (See blue area on map above)

Paddling Pool Wall Repair - in progress

The repair/refurbishment of the 92 year old wall around the paddling pool was originally intended to be included in the main paddling pool refurbishment project. However, the Council had no money left to complete this work due to other problems with the project.

Since then, FOHP has applied for, and been granted, \$24,000 CIL money to complete the works. It has been an uphill struggle to get the project started due to responsibility being moved from one council department to another, and a lack of interest from the borough engineer. But the Council now have a contractor in mind to at least carry out repairs. It was pointed out at in the AGM discussion that a full refurbishment is what the wall really needs. But it was agreed that this is a step in the right direction and will at least render the wall safe.

The Area Between the Fence and Promenade - in progress

The CIL funding is also for use in this area. In the winter, the waves come up and over the promenade and dump sand on this area. People also use it as a cut through to avoid getting splashed on the prom. As such, there is a lot of sand and erosion, and the ground is dangerously uneven.

The council have put forward a design for a path running east to west through the area to make it safer for people to use. This was discussed and it was decided that further measures would be needed such as more rocks or benches at the edge of the promenade to stop the water/sand getting to the area. It was also pointed out that the water/sand runs down the existing path dumping a great deal of sand in the play area. A bump/lip in the existing path would stop this, such as you find at the end of a gravel driveway.

Other ideas were for a cold water shower for the sea swimmers, planting to help hold back the sand, and Cllr Daniel Butt said it might be worth putting the plans out to consultation to see if anyone had and other good ideas. (Area shown on map below)



5. Informal discussion

The floor was opened to questions, queries and new ideas

Taps and pipework in the park: It was raised that many other areas in BCP were getting water bottle refill points. We do have a number of taps in the park. The state of the pipework for these taps was raised as there have been a number of issues recently. The pipework is in need of an overhaul but there is some question as to who owns the pipework and so who is responsible for its upkeep. Is it BCP or Wessex Water?

Summer Fete: Pat Bullock has been organising the Summer Fete for a number of years and this year was her last one. A big thank you to her for all her years of hard work. To plan the next summer fete, we've decided a committee/group will help spread the work load.

Noticeboard in the park: The park noticeboard (or at least the one we had access to) has been removed from the park, we presume for repair. It was discussed whether we could get an additional notice board somewhere near the cafe for our notices too.



Cycling: The issue of cycling on the prom was brought up again. Cllr Dan Butt has asked Mike Green, Portfolio Holder for Sustainability and Transport, about this. The response is that there is no bylaw banning cycling on the prom in Hamworthy Park and as such no signage can be put up. It was also mentioned that the information about cycling in Hamworthy park on the BCP park website is contradictory. Complaints about cyclists, dog walkers and beach hut owners on the prom have all but dried up since the easing of covid restrictions and it was noted that if everyone employed a bit of common sense, there wouldn't be any issues at all.

Toilets: Although recently refurbished, the mens toilets keeps blocking up and there have been leaks in the disabled toilet too. Needs to be sorted out.

Flooring under the zip-wire: The matting is lifting , with sharp edges showing. This needs to be looked at by the Council.

Adult play area: The sign by the adult play area says "for under 14s only" when obviously the equipment is for both children and adults. Ask Rachel if she can have the sign updated. The windsurfing simulator has been out of action for some months now. We need to chase up to see what the lead time is for repairs.

Shade in the Paddling Pool Area: We still get asked if some shade can be put in the paddling pool area. While large pavilions or shelters have been ruled out by the council as magnets for anti-social behaviour, we have seen some benches with canopies that may be suitable. Need to investigate the costs and seek permission fom BCP.

Bins in the Paddling Pool Area: after experimenting with temporary bins in the paddling pool area this summer, we still believe bins should be put back into the fenced off play/paddling pool area. Time to ask BCP again!

Tuckers Field: After the public consultation in May, we passed the conlated feedback to the Council. They have drawn up a rough set of costings at circa £25,000. We now need to put together a CIL bid for this amount. If we get the grant, we can push ahead with the project.

Planters: Stan and Marilyn have been keeping the planters by Hamworthy library and Tuckers Lane in good condition for a numberof years. They would now like to pass this on to others. A big thank you to them for keeping Hamworthy looking great. There are other gardening groups starting up in Hamworthy that we may be able to join together with.