



20/04/23 Public Meeting Minutes

Attending:

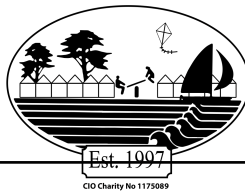
PB, KS, DH, FR, ES, IF

Apologies:

Agenda:

- Approve the 2022 Annual Report and Accounts
- Financial Report
- Review of Park Matters/projects
- Informal discussion

Info	Actions
<p>Before we start Beryl Truebger has passed away. She will be missed. Her family would like a memorial bin with a plaque.</p> <p>2022 Annual Report</p> <p>2022 Report. No Questions raised. Financial highlights given by FR. Vote taken - 2022 Annual Report accepted by members and will be submitted to the charity commission.</p> <p>Total fundraising for 2022 = £2,700</p> <p>Financial Report</p> <p>2022 Large expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Printing calendars: £688.80- Christmas Cards: £257.86 <p>2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Play trail £3,500- Defib: £1,211 <p>Currently in accounts:</p> <p>Main: £780 Savings: £14,500</p>	



Paddling pool main: £0.00
Paddling pool savings: £2,005

Thanks and well done to Fiona for her first Annual report and Financial Review.

Review of Park Matters

Paddling Pool

BCP have said they will have the paddling pool open by early June. Usually, they have it open by the late May bank holiday. The reason given is the lead time on the suppliers of the sealant. Last year, five sealants were trialled (after the sealant having failed the previous 2 years) and the most effective one is to be used to seal the pool this year.

It was raised that FOHP should write to the Council and request that the earlier date for opening the pool is adhered to, as the park users and general public will expect it to be open then as usual.

Wall around the pool

Work due to start in May once weather is warm enough so that the mortar can dry overnight.

Sea wall re-facing

This was supposed to happen in September 2022 with money from the Coastal Assets team's budget surplus. This fell through due to the council's spending freeze. Ex head of the council Drew Mellor subsequently guaranteed the money would be available in answer to a question from Hanworthy Councillor Dan Butt, but as Cllr Mellor has since resigned as leader, there is no guarantee. We will have to wait until after the upcoming elections to find out what is happening.

Stones at Eastern end

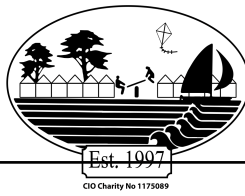
Officer Jez Martin is waiting on the 2023 budget to see if these can be placed. The previous date of September 2022 fell victim to the council's budgetary woes. We have been waiting for these stones for 5 years and the eastern end of the park continues to erode in the meantime.

Play trail

Cost £3,500 for an 8-10 year life span. Very well received and being well used. It was raised that the old markings from the paddling pool splash zone had not been removed before the trail was laid. However, paint removal would have cost extra and the old markings are so faint that it did not seem a good use of charity funds. It doesn't seem to detract from anyone's enjoyment of the trail.

Footbridge base

We have raised this with the Council before and been told it's fine. However, the base of the footbridge in the park is regularly being washed by the tide



especially on windy days. We suspect causing long term damage and highly council protects this park asset before they are forced to replace the exposed support well before it's expected lifespan.

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Branksea Avenue beds

These became overgrown with bindweed and other weeds during covid. The Council have cut them back but there is a lot of deadwood and whole dead shrubs. Rachel, park officer, has asked us to wait until later in spring before we go in to remove the deadwood. She will get the beds sprayed with weed killer. FoHP may run a weekend volunteer session to grub out the weeds and remove the deadwood.

Defib

This is still not in place. We are waiting on the council electrician to install it. Installation has been put back due to the fire in the gents toilets.

Toilets

The ladies and the disabled toilets survived the fire in decent order. The ladies has been reopened as a unisex toilet while repairs are carried out to the gents. No timetable has been givne for this work as yet. The electrical cupboard in the disabled is unlocked - needs to be highlighted to the council as could be dangerous.

Shade in paddling pool area

Large shelters have been warned against due to them having been a magnet for anti-social behavior in other parks. However, covered benches may be an answer. The Council is against the idea of shade in the paddling pool area.

New benches and bench maintenance

The Council is not keen to have any additional benches in the park, despite calls from park suers for extra benches around the paddling pool. We believe this is due to ongoing maintenance costs. FOHP do paint benches int eh park, It was suggested that FOHP could ask to take on this work on a more permanent footing, but this was rejected as it is obviously part of the cuncils remit.

Bigger no dogs signs on the playground gates

It was raised whether we could get larger and clearer signs for the playarea gatsesaying that dogs are not allowed. The current signs are small and some people do not notice them, so they say.

Summer events programme

After the success of the integrated easte events programme between FOHP and Bluebell woods, we will look at designing another one for the summer holidays.

Other Greenspace in Hamworthy:

Tucker's Field

Just one quote away from being able to complete the CILI bid. If we get the grant, then work could start in the autumn.



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Bluebell Woods

The project run by St Michaels and supported by
FOHP continues with family events run over easter and more planned.

Thanks

A big thank you to the trustees, the volunteers and to everyone who came to the meeting.