

# Friends of Marple Memorial Park

## Minutes of Meeting

Navigation Inn, Marple. Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2025



**Present:** Joyce Reed, Mick & Larry Thompson, Phil & Helen Wiles, Miceala Wood, Malcolm Allan

**1 Apologies:** Patrick O'Herlihy, Bob Wilson

**2 Minutes of last Meeting:** Agreed

**3\_ Matters Arising:**

### Store Room Tools Audit

Nothing to report and to stay on the "to do" list

### Boule Court project

More progress was made at weekend, although we omitted to put up barriers for safety around the hole left where sleepers had been dug out. The Council had rectified this quickly. Plans to continue the work were discussed. Note: by using shorter lengths we can remove the need for delivery as we can collect these ourselves.

### Watering Rota

No longer needed at present (rain today) but will be kept under review.

**4 Chairs Report**

### Community Hub Update

Malcolm had attended a very helpful and informative briefing on progress with the project given by Wilmot Dixon. The play park and woodland path are both nearing completion and should be open by the end of the month, all being well. The extended barriers 2 protect the work on the new play park I've made the viewing windows inaccessible. Malcolm has contacted the project team about this and they have confirmed these barriers will be removed once a play park is open

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### Leaf Mould Bay

The location was discussed and a place to the side of the current compost bay, towards the Regent Cinema was agreed. Malcolm will obtain materials in due course.

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### Bulb Planting

Using the kind donation from Rotary, we have pre-ordered bulbs for under planting in September/October. All were asked to think about the exact locations for planting and it was noted we should plan this in good time, especially as Rotary had expressed a desire to help.

**5 Finance**

We have had a generous donation of £100 this month. In addition, Benji's Pet Shop have collected £80 in their shop donation tin. We have given them a certificate to mark their help over recent years.

Finances are stable as we have had part of the contribution for the Rotary bulbs. We will spend more than expected on the boule court as we estimated only one layer was needed.

**6 Task Days**

We will continue with the Boule Court next time. We will also replenish Danny's Pots. Joyce and Larry will source some suitable plants. Joyce feels we should revise the central circular bed and will consider some options for us.

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**7 Any Other Business**

We have raised concerns about the planting of poisonous yews in the woodland area and Malcolm outlined the council response. There was still concern and a sheet of information was distributed. Malcolm will send this to the council.

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**8 Date of next meeting/task days.**

Next Task Day: **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> July**: Malcolm to lead and do refreshments.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> August 6.00pm** - Navigation upper room.

**NOTE:** It was confirmed and agreed that our regular committee meeting time is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in the month.