

Present: Malcolm Allan, Micaela Wood, Joyce Reed, Mick & Larry Thompson, Patrick O’Herlihy

1 **Apologies:** Phil & Helen Wiles, Diane Jackson, Bob Wilson

2 **Minutes of last Meeting:** Agreed

3 **Matters Arising:**

Santander

After a lot of paperwork, the signatures have now been changed and we will start to use the Santander account. As mentioned before we will continue to use the other account for the projects which have already been funded in advance.

Goal posts

No further news on the goal posts but we will be alerted a few days before the fitting is due so that we can check the new locations are as agreed.

Exercise equipment

No further news but Mark will continue to follow this up

Benches

Actions on the benches have now been documented and agreed, with Mark's involvement.

Toilets

We finally got to the bottom of the reason why the gents toilets were continuing to be locked. There was a lack of a toilet roll holder and whilst one was ordered by the council, it didn't arrive so they had to order again. This has now been fitted and the toilets have been open again in the last few days, which is a relief given the carnival is at weekend.

New Horizons trip

Malcolm will now check on their website to look at available dates with a preference being for an evening, ideally incorporating a stop at a pub. Malcolm will look for some options to put to the committee.

4 **Chairs Report:**

The Council have notified us that the roof on the old bowling shelter has been repaired.

The missing wooden slats on the playground have now been repaired and replaced at a recent task day.

Correspondence has been exchanged about the idea to put some planting around the base of the COVID memorial. This has been checked and it looks OK to go ahead. The preference was to plant some herbs with a decision to be made whether to do this in a curved or oblong section. It was agreed to have a one- off work party to do this at 10:00 am on Friday 21st June. It was not anticipated it will take much time.

ACTION

MW

MA

An on-site meeting was held with various parties to look at the additional planting of trees to create an enhanced woodland area. Our argument that this should be along the full length of the existing path was accepted. Towards the eastern end of the path, trees would be planted in a band of seven metres, which takes up some of the slope. This will also be done so as not to block the view of the surrounding hills. The local Rotary Club are very keen to sponsor us, and we are helping them submit a bid to their national body for £500 or maybe a little bit more. This will provide flowers for under-planting. The general view of the committee was that making this fully accessible e.g. for wheelchairs and prams was not a practical proposition at this stage. This was also mindful of the indicative costing provided by the council for just the first half, which was of the order of £30,000.

5 Finance – Treasurers Report

Di had provided information in her absence. Santander has been covered above. Di has applied for sponsorship from Marple Co-op to cover the refreshment costs and is awaiting a reply. She will continue to use funds from her B'Dazzled jewellery to sponsor the refreshment costs. Since last month's balance of just over £18K we have had receipts from local giving, the Brass Bands of Marple, and the sponsorship of £250 from Nurture Marple

6 Task Days

Because of the change of task days to avoid the Carnival, Larry and Mick will now lead the group on the 17th July.

7 Carnival

Di has booked space and has been given the same location as last year. Volunteers have been organised to assist with setting up and breaking down the gazebo. Any more volunteers will be welcome to help with the stall during the day. Di will draw up a rota

Treasure Hunt, 29th June

This coincides with one of our normal task days so there should be plenty of help. (Larry and Joyce are not able to attend). Di is close to completing the organisation for this event. Malcolm and Patrick volunteered to put out the clue letters round the park prior to the start.

8 Any Other Business:

Dead tree

Patrick highlighted a dead tree on the right of the main path near the sundial. Malcolm will contact the council to do an inspection.

MA

Friends of Marple Memorial Park

Minutes of Meeting

Navigation, Thursday 13 June 2024



9 Date of next meeting.

We will now change to meeting on a Tuesday which is more convenient for all. The Navigation room is available from 6pm till 7pm so we will try this meeting place again:

Tuesday 9th July at 6.00pm in the Navigation

