

Friends of Marple Memorial Park

Minutes of Meeting

Navigation, Tuesday 10 September 2024



Present: Malcolm Allan, Patrick O’Herlihy, Joyce Reed, Mick & Larry Thompson, Michela Wood, Micheala Meikle, Diane Jackson

1 **Apologies:** Helen & Phil Wiles, Anne Frazer,

2 **Minutes of last Meeting:** Agreed

3 **Matters Arising:**

Exercise equipment

Snagging list: Broken joint covers and sit up board screw fixing are to be replaced/repared by Contractor at no charge. This leaves the peeling surface to be remedied.

Boules Court

Clarification of costs for Boules as per FOMMP Minutes of 14 March 2024 item 3.3: The costs for a special petanque contractor was £5,727 to refurbish the existing layout or £6,887 to refurbish and extend but there were also quotes of £2,111 to refurbish and £3,106 to refurbish and extend from an ordinary landscape contractor that were much more affordable.

MT reported that the Boules Court was too compacted and not draining sufficiently. There is a danger that a contractor may increase the compaction and cause further drainage problems. The timbers are rotted away. It was noted that the Boules Court has not been used by any Marple people in the last 2 years and only by New Mills U3A recently. It was not felt to be a priority at the moment. JR stated replacing the rotten wooden timbers would be sufficient in the short term and the committee concurred.

Community Hub Transition Arrangements

Jubilee Bed Sculpture

A date has been arranged for Wayne Chaisty to dismantle the structure for safe storage. This is 19th September.

4 **Chairs Report:**

The Rotary have confirmed their donation of £500 for underplanting

TMT, the contractors refurbishing Hollins House have made a Social Value donation of £500 to FOMMP, on the recommendation of the Council. MA will arrange some publicity photos and appropriate thanks.

Linda Bell of Marple Beavers (cub scouts) has been in contact with

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MA

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FOMMP, via Helen and Phil, asking if there is any community work the Beavers could do as part of their Beavers badgework. The Committee thought the suggestion of helping to plant some bulbs would be appropriate. MA will liaise with the Beavers.

MA

Some large branches were lost in the high winds. Thanks to Patrick for arranging removal of logs.

A donation from The Carver Theatre of £100 has been received. DJ to write thanking Dr Scrivens. Also some discussion about the request from Dr Scrivens to add on FOMMP website where donations can be sent to. Suggestion of putting FOMMP QR code on website and other visible places.

DJ

DJ and MA

The flower beds on the clinic side of Hollins House are being removed during the works, any plants to be removed needs doing next Task Day.

PDO'H

There was discussion about access for events in the Park during the works:

The events regularly held:

Remembrance Service: 10th November and annually

Carnival: June 2025 and annually

Bikers Ride of Remembrance: 27th October and annually

FOMMP Treasure Hunt: May annually

The Hare & Hounds Classic Car Rally was mentioned but we don't think we have been involved previously. MA/MT to check

MA/MT

Since the meeting we have been reminded of the Marple and Romiley Lions Santa run that starts in the Park. MA will follow up and will notify the Council of this list.

A temporary shower and toilet block for the contractor is planned to be placed on the grassed area between Hollins House and the bowling green. The temporary public toilets will be located there too.

MA

Rose Frog needs to be moved, but there is challenge in how to fix the frog to the base or a new base. MA to contact MW and Bernard to understand how this was done originally. Jon Headlam is investigating how other frogs have been fixed.

JH

MA

MA will check that removal of historical artefacts from the Library has been completed satisfactorily.

MA

Tree planting is planned for October/November so we hope to have time to plant the donated bulbs before Christmas

5 Finance – Treasurers Report

DJ reported that balance of £18,402.20 held in the Barclays Bank Account had now been successfully moved across to Santander Bank. The letter requesting closure of the Barclays Account was signed by the last two signatories MT and MW at the meeting. Letter is now in post.

BALANCE IN BARCLAYS ACCOUNT 10-9-2024 NIL
BALANCE IN SANTANDER ACCOUNT 10-9-24 £18,857.22
Awaiting outstanding invoices for the following:
Exercise Equipment £8,619.96
Moveable Goalposts £984.00

Special Donations have been covered in the Chairman’s Report.

Treasurer is comfortable that the nature of some recent donations allows their use for refreshments.

DJ to continue search for a refreshments sponsor.

NOTE after the meeting: Di ran a stall at the successful Ridge Church Fair and raised £50 for us. Thank you!

DJ

6 Task Days

Next Task Day is Saturday 14th September.

7 Any Other Business:

JT enquired about the Making Marple Mink Free initiative. Cllr Meikle reported that the group have approached the Area Committee with a request for funding which will be considered at the next meeting.

Patrick has put a new padlock on the gate to the bowling green – same code.

As FOMMP meetings seem to coincide with a number of other group’s meetings at the same time, MA will explore a more suitable date for the regular monthly meetings.

MA

8 Date of next meeting.

Is confirmed as **Tuesday 15th October at 6.00pm** in the Navigation upper room.