

FOHP AGM 19th April 2018

Present: Committee -Robin Gape, Sarah Turner, Mary Platten, Andy Smuk, Yvonne Westley, Anna Westley, Maureen Howard, Richard Bloomfield

Members - None

Apologies: Liz Harsant, Sheila Roughton, Martin Cant, Charlotte Hills

1. Agreement of agenda: Agreed

1.1 Minutes to AGM April 2017 agreed.

2. Chairman's report:

Restoration project The major part of the Holywells Park restoration project now comes to an end, and we will shortly be losing Richard Sharp in his role as CEVO (community engagement & volunteering officer Many thanks for your help, Richard, with encouraging events, volunteering, and increased use of the park in general. The final expenditure will be in the form of a compost toilet to be located in The Orchard.

Publicity In terms of publicity, FoHP have been active on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and our own FoHP website We have noticed an increase in awareness of Holywells Park, and assume that it is in part due to social media and website activity. We have also, for practical reasons, shared production of the Park Bench. Thanks to Anna, Richard and Charlotte.

Catering On the catering front, FoHP now have a 5 star food hygiene certification, after training and purchase of some necessary equipment. Well done to all concerned.

Calendar The Friends had never produced a calendar before So, after a lot of work, a 2018 calendar appeared to test the waters. Thanks are due to Sarah for production work, and to those who contributed images, whether selected or not

Events & The Orchard FoHP organised 4 events of our own (6000+ visits to our website for the events), including Apple Day, and assisted at various others, including the summer Family Fun Days. It's very good to see more use being made of the park in general, and the Orchard in particular, both by FoHP and other organisations, including SWT and other organisations offering an educational resource. And the bees keep buzzing! There are currently 5 active hives with 2 more being planned. Help in the form of an 80 year old with lots of experience has recently been enjoyed.

Upper Orwell Crossings Whatever else they do, the proposed Upper Orwell Crossings, in particular the one spanning from Holywells Road, just outside the park boundary, to the opposite bank are pretty much bound to have some impact on Holywells Parke We recently opened discussions, in relation to environmental issues, including noise, polluted air, and light with the SCC project team. They know that FoHP are watching.

Volunteering Do come & volunteer with FoHP. We're really very friendly!

3. Secretary's Report: None provided.

4. Resignation of committee from 2017: The whole committee resigned. Nick Wilcox acted as interim Chairperson.

5. Election of committee for 2018

5.1 Chairman: First nomination by Sarah and seconded by Mary for Robin Gape. Robin was duly elected.

5.2 Secretary: First nomination by Mary and seconded by Maureen for Liz Harsant. Liz was duly elected.

5.3 Treasurer: First nomination by Sarah and seconded by Mary for Yvonne. Yvonne was duly elected.

5.4 Remaining committee members were elected on mass - Mary, Andy, Sarah, Maureen, Anna, Richard, and Martin, Sheila and Charlotte in their absence

Thank you to, Yvonne for her work during the past year.

6. 2017 accounts: Balance for the end of year £3650.11

A full income and expenditure for the year ending March 31st was provided.

Expenditure higher (£3832.80) than income (£3519.48) due to upgrading of equipment for events

(portable hand-wash unit, aprons etc needed for food hygiene rating, gazebos and small tables) and bees (£476.38)

Subs to date £568 from membership.

FoHP either ran or supported eleven events in the past year and more or less broke even.

Yvonne explained costs of the bees but the committee agreed the benefits they brought to the park more than compensated for the cost. The loss made on the calendars was explained and lessons have been learnt. Thanks to Yvonne.

7. **Appointment of auditors** : Martin (pending his agreement) and Mary have been appointed.

8. **Vote on any resolutions to be put before the AGM**: None

9. **Close of business**: closed at 19:44