



Poole Park Forum

The purpose of the Forum is to share information, learn from each others' experiences and work together to make Poole Park better.

Minutes: Wednesday 6th June 2018, East Gate Lodge, Poole Park.

1. Welcome and introductions (See full invitation list below)

Apologies: Cllrs Challinor, Howell, Gail Percival Naomi Preston,

Present: Mike Pierce (MP), Phil Baker (PB), Pat Lincoln (PL), Pete Godding (PG), Jaime Hunt (JH), Charlotte Rawles (CR), Hazel N (HN), Hazel Clifton (HC), Mike Cure (MC), Stuart Bickel (SB), Sarah (S)
Martin Whitchurch (MW), Toni Powell (TP)

2. Round the table updates from each organisation

- PB – Bowls club updates. Youth development programme, held a <18's competition on and approx. 80 people take part. Fri evenings 6pm, young people open sessions; Thurs evenings 6pm open to all to turn up and have a go. MW/TP offered to help promote.
- Recent vandalism with shed's broken into and damage to club house windows. People moving benches and having picnics on the greens.
- Annual tournament 22-27th July – requires a lot of parking.
- HC/HN – Bi-Polar uk support group. 10-25 users, new members every month, 1st Weds of the month 7pm
- Sarah Park Run – 750 runners on Saturdays.
- Litter pick at start of each race and is an on-going issue around the park. General discussion followed re. bins and litter. MW commented that there is a waste strategy within the HLF project, we are looking at some large capacity semi-submerged bins and a range of litter bins that are fewer in number but have a larger capacity.
- Currently there is a Bournemouth university student undertaking surveys around the park on litter/waste and public attitudes.
- Target hardening around Copse Close well received.
- MP – Society for Poole – aspirations to form a collective parks group that can support and network together providing greater resilience and bring community groups together.

3. The HLF project

TP updates:

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- Fun Day and Arts Exhibition – Thurs 2nd Aug 10-3. Please come forward and support this event if you can provide volunteers, activities or help.
- Only Rain down the Drain. July campaign with various activities and events based in and around the park:

Postcards detailing information regarding the campaign and steps that everyone can take to help prevent water pollution.

10th July – Marking Drains

Working with volunteers using stencils and chalk spray, we will mark a number of drains inside and outside of Poole Park. The aim of this is to highlight the issue of pollutants entering storm drains that lead directly (and without treatment) to Poole Park lakes and lagoon. The marking will last for a few weeks, so please look out for the marking and point people to our Poole Park Life website for more information!

11th July – Drain artwork

An artist appointed by the Litter Free Coast and Sea team will create a large piece of artwork on a drain near the shops opposite the Civic Centre. The aim of this to attract attention from those using the shops, but also hopefully the local media. The more we can spread the word, the better! Once again the paint will be environmentally friendly chalk spray paint that will last a few weeks.

12th July– Litter pick, Eco car wash and Lagoon Volunteer Day!

This event is aimed at informing and involving local residents and businesses with improvements being made to Poole Park lagoon. The lagoon (or boating lake) will be fully drained allowing willing volunteers to get their wellie boots and step out into the thick mud to collect litter! As part of this event we will also be asking for volunteers to help make improvements to the lagoon islands and offering an eco car wash to help highlight our Only Rain campaign.

MW talked through various updates:

- Conservation works are drawing to a close, improved the quality and condition of the heritage features in the park.
- X4 contracts being prepared: 2 for the replacement sluice bridge; 1 for landscaping around the war memorial and one for the main lakes and lagoon works. These next phases of construction work will take place from November onwards through the winter.
- Miniature railway update. BoP continuing to discuss with the friends the safe operation of the railway.
- All news and events are published on the [project website](#)

4. AOB – events, happenings and other park information

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- PL – Festival of Running previous weekend was very busy and lots of cars were exiting out of East Gate
- PB – Requested the sign at Norton's Gate that says 'authorised users' is lowered so more prominent.

Thanks for everyone's time. Minutes to be published on the website in due course.

Next meeting: Weds 5th Sept, 5pm venue East Gate Lodge

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Invitation list:

Organisation	Contact
Portfolio Holder	Cllr J Rampton
Parkstone Ward:	Cllrs Stribley, Williams, Challinor
Poole Town Ward:	Cllrs Garner-Watts, Howell, Hadley
FoPP	Mike Heckford Michael Collins Pat Lincoln
FoPP Miniature Railway	Graham Sutton
Poole Park User Group	Naomi Preston / Laurie Croad
Gardening Volunteers	Pete Godding
South Coast Caterers	Nick Davis
Rockley Watersports	AJ Windsor / Pip Woods
Poole Model Yacht club	Roy Cane / Pete Wiles
Poole Park Bowls club	Phil Baker
Chestnut Nursery	Angela Mansbridge
Poole Town cricket club	Nick Williams / Jo Pilley
Club 21	Jane Martin
Zoofish Arts	Richard Jeffrey /Rachel Huggett
Parkstone Bay Assoc.	Mike Randall / Ken Bearcroft
Mini Golf	Tony Unsworth
Wessex orienteering club	Alan Cooper
Poole Wheelers	Ros Spencer
Poole Runners	Mike Towner
B&PCFE	
PHP	Gail Percival Sandra Wilson
BiPolar UK	Hazel Clifton
BoP Rec & Devt	Chris Dear
Park Run	Mike Cure Diane Storey Stuart Bickel
Junior Park Run	Jenny Trayford
Transition Poole	Felicity Rice / Kate Salter
W. Hampshire modellers	Barry Thomas
The Society for Poole	Mike Pearce
Land Train	David Edwards
Out and About Dorset	Jaime Hunt Charlotte Rawles

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