



## 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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2018, East Gate Lodge, Poole Park.**

- 1. Welcome and introductions.** See back page of minutes for those present (P) or who gave apologies (A).
- 2. Round the table updates from each organisation**
  - Graham – Poole Park user group admins meeting regularly with Martin/Toni to discuss park improvements etc.  
Looking on to a community speedwatch group in Poole Park
  - Pete – garden vols working well, good numbers as ever. Recent work on the rose garden and information kiosk.
  - Brett Townsend, tennis Coach introduced himself, has had the licence for coaching since April. Fantastic first season culminating in Coach of the Year award from Dorset LTA. Has agreement for next 3 years and various plans to enhance coaching and provide more activities, incl use of temporary floodlights for evening use from Jan. these will operate until 7.30pm and allow youth coaching and a wider programme on mon/tues/thurs/fri evenings.
  - Nick – Use of toilets and poor quality Westfield toilets are an on-going issue Brett has discussed with the bowls club about using their pavilion to support his coaching/kids clubs etc.  
Nick reported that enhanced lighting has deterred anti-social behaviour around the kitchen.  
Issues with water and electricity supplies and meters
- 3. Vols and Activity plan (Toni).**
  - The Rose garden is the next focus of volunteer work and designs. Recent public meeting to discuss the garden design in the context of peoples memories and as a garden for reflection.
  - War Memorial events went very well, good numbers in attendance, volunteers undertook planting of the new roses and other planting, plus helped with the actual event. Red ribbons will be removed by the artists fairly soon as looking tatty in places.
  - Toni is developing job descriptions for specific roles to research Poole Park's heritage and history.
- 4. The HLF project, updates focussing on the capital work (Martin)**

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- **Lakes and Lagoon tender.** Works start from w/c 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019, with dredging, habitat creation, new islands, improvements to existing features and wider landscaping around the freshwater lakes. 15-week contractor programme meaning works should finish in April.
- There will inevitably be some path closures, such as along the railway line, and around the lakes during the works. Lots of volunteer involvement plus guided walks and other public engagement.
- **Sluice bridge and path closure.** Ties in with the lagoon works, path along the railway line will be closed for approx. 8 weeks.
- **Access work from Sept 2019** includes new road surfaces, car park arrangements, tree planting, lighting, drainage around the cricket pitch amongst other work.
- **Play area** improvements are programmed for 2020,

#### **5. AOB – events, happenings and other park information**

- **Anne** raised a discussion about access through keyhole bridge. Martin outlined improvement plans for the park stretch of Whitecliff road and how this needs to involve Wessex Water.

**Martin and Toni thanked all for their attendance and contributions.**

**Next meeting will take place:**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 5pm, East Gate Lodge**

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<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Contact</b>
	<b>Present in Bold</b> , Apologies (A)
Portfolio Holder	Cllr J Rampton
Parkstone Ward:	<b>Cllrs Stribley</b> , Williams, Challinor (A)
Poole Town Ward:	Cllrs Garner-Watts, Howell (A), Hadley
FoPP	Mike Heckford, <b>Michael Collins, Pat Lincoln</b>
Poole Park User Group	Andrew Hawkes (A), <b>Graham Tuffin, Judith Tuffin</b>
Gardening Volunteers	<b>Pete Godding</b>
South Coast Caterers	<b>Nick Davis</b>
Rockley Watersports	AJ Windsor (A) Pip Woods
Poole Model Yacht club	Roy Cane/Pete Wiles
Poole Park Bowls club	Phil Baker (A)
Chestnut Nursery	Angela Mansbridge
Poole Town cricket club	Nick Williams Jo Pilley
Out and About Dorset Ltd	Jaime Hunt (A)
Club 21	Jane Martin (A)
Parkstone Bay Assoc.	Mike Randall
Mini Golf	Tony Unsworth
Wessex orienteering club	Alan Cooper
Poole Wheelers	Ros Spencer
Poole Runners	Mike Towner
B&PCFE	Lloyd Perry
PHP	Gail Percival (A), Sandra Wilson
BiPolar UK	Hazel Clifton (A), Michelle
Park Run	Mike Cure, Diane Storey
Transition Poole	Felicity Rice (A), Kate Salter
W. Hampshire modellers	Barry Thomas
The Society for Poole	Mike Pearce (A)
Land Train	David Edwards (A)

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