



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 March 2019, East Gate Lodge, Poole Park.

1. **Welcome and introductions.** See back page of minutes for those present (in bold) or who gave apologies (A).
2. **Round the table updates from each organisation**
 - AJ, Rockley: Waiting to confirm re-opening dates, early April subject to lagoon works. Made improvements inside, in particular to the toilets
 - Hazel, Bi-Polar UK: Group going well with good numbers
 - Viv Gear, Healthy Walks: introduced the group at the Forum for the first time, Healthy Walks is a national organisation, Viv is a leader for Poole Park walks, every Thursday morning 10.30, very social walks for all abilities, finish at The Ark for a hot drink. GP's refer people to take part and there are more walks around Poole, taking place every day:
<https://www.walkingforhealth.org.uk/walkfinder/poole-healthy-walks>
 - Nick, SCC: new staircase being built in the kitchen, tea and coffee's will be upstairs, hot food downstairs. Makes the most of the views
 - Brett, tennis: gave out flyers for free tennis Sunday sessions, 10-11.30, usually 40-50 people. Floodlights used with no complaints for evening sessions and school programme; issue of lack of parking for drop-offs and no toilets nearby; would like help to increase promotion of courts/programmes.
 - Graham/Jude, user group [facebook page](#): Over 1,000 members, cross-referencing info from twitter, happy to post for people if they forward over.
 - Pete, gardening vols: Rose garden planted with new roses, good numbers of all ages and abilities
 - Angela, Chestnut nursery: New shop and potting shed due to complete end of March, soft opening hopefully 8 April; 23rd may official opening.
 - Mike, Soc. for Poole: Members interested in a Parks and open Spaces Forum, to share ideas and vision, funding, resources etc.
 - Pat, Michael, FoPP: Next AGM to be held at the Sloop, 27th March 7pm for members only. An open meeting for the public would follow once new trustees confirmed. Michael also mentioned current complaint to the local Government Ombudsman in respect of the Miniature railway.

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Discussion that followed:

Nick - Park Run closed gate at 8.50 sat morning meaning delivery couldn't get through. MW explained the change in park run course means this has a bigger impact, will return to normal in April once railway path re-opened. Report that the Bowls club locked in a delivery van parked by the fountain, discussion followed on shared parking arrangements around the fountain. **Action – MW** to arrange a meeting with bowls, SCC, tennis and Rockley.

Graham – Community speedwatch being investigated

Angela – still some large equipment from the park at the nursery that could be disposed of. **Action – MW** to visit and view

Graham – re FoPP upcoming AGM, enquired as to who could attend and discussion followed over the status of memberships and whether they were valid or not.

3. Vols and Activity plan (Toni).

- Gardening volunteering continues to go well with good numbers (approx. 15 per session). The last session involved planting the roses in the rose garden and the next will involve planting companion planting. There will be a number of additional dates to help support planting around the fresh water lakes.
- A Fun Day has been set for Thursday 25th July, if any stakeholders wish to be involved, please let us know. The aim is to include as many partner organisations as possible. We are also calling for volunteers as the event was very busy last year.
- Only Rain campaign will be launched once again with refreshed information posted out to local residents. This year it will include suggestions on what to feed birdlife in the park. We are not looking to put a ban on feeding bread, just encouraging the use of different food such as corn, lettuce, porridge and peas.
- The Information Kiosk is now kitted out so that visitors can find information and activities inside the kiosk. This is supported by a few volunteers presently, but we are hoping to bring more people on board.

4. The HLF project, updates focussing on the capital work (Martin)

- Lakes – gabion baskets installed and landscaping moving on around the lakes.
- Lagoon continues to be dredged for sediment to form new islands etc.

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- Sluice bridge to be delivered Friday and installed next week (11th march), from then 2-3 weeks to complete. This s on time/budget
- Works in the lagoon with large machinery will finish at the end of March. Landscaping, planting etc then to take place in April. Path along railway line will be re-opened asap.

5. AOB – events, happenings and other park information

- Lakes and Lagoon Celebration Event, including information and activities related to the works they are taking place. Wednesday 10th April, drop-in 11am to 3pm, based at Middle Gate Car Park near to the roundabout. For more details, please get in touch.

Martin and Toni thanked all for their attendance and contributions.

Next meeting will take place:

Wednesday 5th June 2019, 5pm, East Gate Lodge

Organisation	Contact
	Present in Bold , Apologies (A)
Portfolio Holder	Cllr J Rampton
Parkstone Ward:	Cllrs Stribley (A), Williams, Challinor (A)
Poole Town Ward:	Cllrs Garner-Watts (A), Howell, Hadley
FoPP	Mike Heckford, Michael Collins, Pat Lincoln
Poole Park User Group	Andrew Hawkes (A), Graham Tuffin, Judith Tuffin
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
Out and About Dorset Ltd	Jaime Hunt
Club 21	Jane Martin
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

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PHP	Gail Percival, Sandra Wilson
BiPolar UK	Hazel Clifton , Michelle
Park Run	Mike Cure, Diane Storey
Transition Poole	Felicity Rice, Kate Salter
W. Hampshire modellers	Barry Thomas
The Society for Poole	Mike Pearce
Land Train	David Edwards
Healthy Walks	Kit Pearce, Viv Grear
Tennis	Brett Townsend

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