



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 4th September 2019, Cricket Pavilion, 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**

Kit – healthy walks are doing well, 27 recently attended a walk. Very rewarding volunteer opportunity, helping address social isolation, loneliness, health issues etc.

Pete – garden volunteers are going well, regularly good numbers, most recently about 20.

Hazel – BiPolar group have received a grant to run a mindfulness session once a month, for bi-polar/depression sufferers.

Pete – model yachts are running usually 6 days a week, has around 120 members.

Phil – outdoor bowls season is finishing, move to indoor short mat bowls in the pavilion. East green to be dug up and re-laid in Sept. Other concessions need to be aware that this will include using parking area near the water fountain for material storage, but this will only be temporary.

Cllr Stribley – there is concern railway is not up and running, but have received positive comments on landscaping works.

- 3. The HLF project, updates focussing on the capital work (Martin)**

Railway update given, understanding is that both tenders are close to being published, one for engine shed and track, second for rolling stock. Hoping that works will take place over the winter, ready to open in spring. Graham commented that vols are ready to support when required.

Lakes and Lagoon works. Overview and discussion of work to date, outstanding work to be completed soon, with more planting and landscaping required.

Brick pier at the War memorial was damaged at the start of the year and is being repaired following an insurance claim.

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Phone kiosks: MW outlined that the phone mechanisms inside have been removed by BT, and therefore considering removing some of the boxes owing to maintenance burden and regular vandalism. Various discussions followed:

- They have a good re-sale value
- Could be used in other schemes, perhaps in regeneration areas
- Number could be decreased to 2, instead of 4
- Use funds from any sales to refurbish the remaining kiosks, perhaps using an arts link or technical college for re-design.
- MW commented that this will be low priority work and would welcome any support to take it forward.

Thanks from the Bowls club were noted to all stakeholders who helped to make their tournament in July a success.

Winter Access theme works were discussed. Working hard to prepare the tender documents and appoint a contractor. Some changes to original scheme, such as change to parking arrangements on Seldown lodge road

Various discussions followed:

- Means of reducing/stopping through traffic were discussed, such as key-hole bridge being one-way in to the park only, central closure point etc. There is renewed interest in exploring options to limit vehicle numbers passing through Poole Park, but no action to be taken as yet and any change subject to consultation and stakeholder engagement.
- Potential to link new traffic measures to 'Heart of Poole' works in the future.
- Suggest we talk to disabled groups about works
- Lighting discussed, lights installed in 2018 to be extended across the park, using LED's. Lights should be turned off in early hours.
- No cyclist route if you are riding through eastwards towards the civic, needs addressing
- Interest in vehicle stats and data
- MW to email stakeholders an update once there is a confirmed start date.

4. Vols and Activity plan (Toni).

The Fun Day on 25th July was a great success and very well attended. Also supported by 22 volunteers, including new individuals who approached us and who hadn't volunteered in the park previously.

Only Rain Down the Drain campaign is working well (update – now over 50 responses on Survey Monkey which provides feedback on the campaign). More than 2,000 local residents and businesses have received information postcards, in addition to artwork on

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roads and social media campaign. Also includes information what to feed birds in Poole park, which has generally been well received.

A large number of College students volunteers are expected in the park during October, therefore a temporary artwork piece may be produced!

Medium term interpretation signs are being developed for the Quiet and Rose Gardens and for the bird feeding areas. All signs and interpretation signs in Poole Park will be replaced as part of the HLF project towards the end of the project.

Finally, will be working with volunteers to help continue planting over the Autumn and helping to create awareness for the road works over the New Year.

Graham suggested visits to schools regarding bird feeding campaign and offered support with this. TP to look at range of discussion including development of new playgrounds.

5. AOB – events, happenings and other park information

Query over Blue-Green algae in freshwater lake. MW commented that it's a natural occurrence.

Graham talked about what to feed birds and discussions on Facebook. Request that bird food should be sold in the park, by the handful for feeding birds. Need to engage children and educate through schools engagement etc.

Martin and Toni thanked all for their attendance and contributions.

Next meeting will take place:

Wednesday 4th December 2019, 5pm, East Gate Lodge – for Mince Pies!!!

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Organisation	Contact
	Present in Bold, Apologies (A)
Portfolio Holder	Cllr Felicity Rice
Parkstone Ward:	Cllrs Stribley , Baron
Poole Town Ward:	Cllrs LJ Evans, Howell , Hadley
FoPP	Michael Collins, Pat Lincoln (A)
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
PHP	Gail Percival, Sandra Wilson
BiPolar UK	Hazel Clifton , Michelle
parkrun	Sarah
Transition Poole	Kate Salter
W. Hampshire modellers	Barry Thomas
The Society for Poole	Mike Pearce
Land Train	
Healthy Walks	Kit Pearce , Viv Grear (A)
Tennis	Brett Townsend (A)

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