

Present: Malcolm Allan, Joyce Reed, Mick & Larry Thompson, Helen & Phil Wiles, Anne Frazer, Diane Jackson

1 **Apologies:** Patrick O’Herlihy

2 **Minutes of last Meeting:** Agreed

3 **Matters Arising:**

Goal posts

SMBC will cover costs of remediation works due to welding. FOMMP will pay for supply of posts.

Exercise equipment

MW reported new buffers to Mag Bells are finally fitted, but there are several snagging items that Mark has drawn to the attention of Richard Booker and Jonathan Headlam on 5 August

- *There is a broken joint cover on the Mag Bells unit
There is a broken joint cover on the left side above the sit-ups board on the Combi Unit*
- *There is a broken joint cover on the right hand side
The non-slip surface on the sit-ups board is beginning to peel off in the top left corner - this is very disappointing as the equipment is not yet 12 months old and I would expect this to be covered by warranty.*
- *The bottom left star screw fixing the sit-ups board to the frame is loose and cross-threaded - I raised this during my original snag list and it has not been resolved.*

The joint covers seem to be breaking quite a lot (a number have been replaced before) so I hope that Kompan have supplied a box of spares? MW think this issue should be highlighted to Kompan as an area that needs better design as they don't seem fit for purpose.

Mark has requested an action plan for the above snags with a view to agreeing a payment strategy.

Benches

There is a long waiting list for memorial benches. No further action for now, waiting to see what happens.

Boules Court

Commence weeding during Task Day.

With regards replacing the wooden side surrounds the estimated cost of £6,000 cannot be justified. It has been decided to replace just the deteriorated parts. MT suggested contacting New Mills Petanque group (U3A?) for assistance/input.

ACTION

SMBC

KOMPAN

MW

MA

ALL

MA

4 Community Hub Transition Arrangements:

Jubilee Bed

We will move any plants we want to retain We will arrange for the sculpture to be dismantled and stored (MA spoken to blacksmith Wayne Chaisty) along with the information display panel. MW will also ask Wayne about a re-configuration of the sculpture.

Frog and reading circle

We need to decide what plants we want to retain and place elsewhere for now. The Frog will be very near to the Heat Source Pump and would be best to be moved elsewhere in the park potentially on a new concrete plinth. It was suggested that Rose Frog could be relocated to the triangle of land near the Band Room ,facing the playground and recreating the Reading Circle there.

Toilet Block flower beds

The discussion about saving/retaining plants became more general, covering more flowerbeds. Joyce circulated some photographs she had taken of plants she considered worth saving and there was discussion about the best time to start digging up and where and how to re-plant things temporarily. Climbing plants need support during the transition. DJ offered to lend some large pots to replant climbers etc. and will liaise with Mick early next week.

Bowling Hut Gable End school garden artwork

This will be protected throughout the development of the Hub.

WW1 Pavilion/Garden Store

WW1 Pavilion building artwork roundels on the rear wall of the Pavilion and the photo artwork dedication panels under the canopy need protecting from general dust generated during the demolition.(These 2 items had not been included in previous list)

Picnic Table game

It was agreed we would like to keep the table top game.

Beaver/Rotary Club sign

It was agreed that we did not need to keep this.

Notice Board

The one by the bowling hut will be removed at the same time as the Sculpture display panel and Beaver/Rotary sign. Possible storage location for these and the sculpture could be in the WW1 Pavilion/Garden Store (~~Bowling Hut~~) if there is space. MA to request a new Notice Board as the current one is in a bad state.

Plaques in Toddler Play Area

One plaque included detail of when pond was created and then another of when the pond was infilled. It was suggested that a third plaque is created to confirm the build of the new Community Hub over the location of the pond and then all plaques relocated adjacent to the relocated footpath. The existing plaques will need to be removed and placed into storage, ahead of the Enabling Works commencing. AN ADDITIONAL ITEM FOR STORAGE: Wooden Sign 'Toddler Play Area' carved by Andrew Frost.

5 Chairs Report:

MA said his report was covered the previous item and he had nothing

MA

DJ/MT

Friends of Marple Memorial Park

Minutes of Meeting

Navigation, Tuesday 13 August 2024



<p>further to add.</p> <p>6 Finance – Treasurers Report</p> <p>BARCLAYS 13-8-24 balance £18,402.20</p> <p>SANTANDER 13-8-24 balance £258.52</p> <p>Nothing further to report regarding seeking sponsor for Refreshments. MA said he would explore other avenues.</p>	<p>MA</p>
<p>7 Task Days</p> <p>MA asked DJ to distribute Task Day email reminder and also a current copy of Task Day Rota to volunteers.</p>	<p>MA / DJ</p>
<p>8 Any Other Business:</p> <p>MT said there was some graffiti that needed removing and asked about a removal spray. MA to liaise with MW re a spray used before/or request removal by SMBC.</p> <p>AF has compiled a list of all work (jobs) undertaken by volunteers using the FOMMP website Task Day updates as the source. This will be useful in creating an Action Plan for Task Days moving forward.</p> <p>Making Marple Mink Free – JR and DJ gave a verbal re-cap of the presentation by Prof. Anthony Martin of Waterlife Recovery Trust to the volunteer group in Marple. MA suggested we table this for future discussion.</p> <p>Loan of Gazebo to The Ridge Methodist Church, Hawk Green, Sat 17 August. MA will deliver, and collect and the group agreed.</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>MA</p>
<p>9 Date of next meeting.</p> <p>Tuesday 10th September at 6.00pm in the Navigation upper room</p>	