

Friends of Marple Memorial Park

Minutes of Meeting

Navigation, Tuesday 20th May 2025



Present:, Joyce Reed, Miceala Wood, Malcolm Allan

1 **Apologies:** Larry and Mick Thompson, Phil and Helen Wiles, Patrick O’Herlihy, Bob Wilson

2 **Minutes of last Meeting:** Not available

3 **Matters Arising:**

Store Room Tools Audit

This will be planned in due course. The aim is to identify what new tools we need.

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Boule Court project

The task has now been sized up and planned with the first special work party this forthcoming weekend. PD is ordering the wood for delivery. After fitting the new sides we will invite boules players to assist in forking the surface on a future work party.

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Band Room

Awaiting answer from our contact so that the payments are re-established. We have a promise that they will be backdated.

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4 **Chairs Report:**

Community Hub Update

The work on the new playpark started yesterday. This will mean the existing park is closed for a few weeks as anticipated. The contractors are engaged by the council and are not connected to the Hub contractors or their current work.

Wilmott Dixon watered the more mature newly planted trees last week on Wednesday after enquiries by us. The Council advised it is best to let them do this so that they continue to take responsibility until the trees are established.

A couple of trees by the play park had been mysteriously cut down along with the stakes. The council have applied bright orange paint to highlight what is a trip hazard. This might be in preparation of the Play Park works, for access. As we understand, all these trees will be supplemented by the ones temporarily planted.

Watering Rota

With the continuing hot and dry weather we need to do some watering especially for the new bedding plants we put in at weekend. A full water was done by hard-working volunteers on Saturday, Larry and Malcolm watered on Monday and Malcolm will water tomorrow, Wednesday. We will then see how it goes as the forecast is for heavy rain on Saturday.

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Treasurer

There were no volunteers at the AGM so it was decided to continue with Mick as the extra signatory and Malcolm and Mick to handle things.

5 Finance:

Malcolm advised that the FoMMP account is at just over £11,000. It has been helped by receiving £50 from the U3A for a speech given by Joyce recently. Thanks and well done to Joyce.

We have also received the first instalment of the Rotary payment for woodland planting. Malcolm has been in touch with them, and they were keen to pay us before their year-end. A pre-order has been placed with Boston Bulbs and paid for. The remaining £200 will be forwarded after the job has been completed, which will be September. Rotary have offered to assist with planting.

6 Any other business

The task day on 14th June will be cancelled as we have no team leader available.

7 Date of next meeting/task days.

Next Task Day: **Saturday 31st May**: Malcolm to lead and do refreshments.

Next Meeting: **Tuesday 17th June 6.00pm** - Navigation upper room.