



**Annual General Meeting**  
Wednesday 2 October 2019, 7.00 pm  
Function Room, Magna Carta, Castle Square

PRESENT: Philip Cragg (Chair) Alison Griffiths (Volunteers)  
Nicola Watson (Treasurer) Penny Toone  
Richard Bayles and 14 local residents

APOLOGIES: Dudley Thomson

**1 Previous Minutes**

Agreed that the minutes of the previous AGM were accepted as a true record.  
Proposed: AG Secoded: PT

**2 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**3 Chairman's Report - Phil Cragg**

Report attached

**4 Volunteers Report Alison Griffiths**

Alison read her report, which is attached.

Questions from the floor:

Is the drainage on Yarborough Road adequate? Trustees agreed to check this.

What is the long-term plan for the lower boundary on Yarborough Road? Trustees said that this was under consideration but there is no firm plan at this stage.

Are the steps a risk? Trustees agreed that it is vital to keep the steps in good repair. There is a maintenance team which checks and repairs them regularly.

**5 Treasurer's report - Nicola Watson**

Nicola reported that the income the year ended 31 March 2019 was £1,075.51. Expenditure was £1,244.45, which resulted in a small deficit of £168.94.

Co-operative Bank stood at £3,122.00 on 9 May, which is the latest statement received.

She stated that there is also a fund which provides refreshments for volunteers on working days. This has been built up by donations and income from sales of refreshments at Open Days.

The full accounts are attached.

Agreed to accept the accounts Proposed PC Seconded PT

## **6 Management plan and reports**

PT informed the meeting that the Management Plan for Liquorice Park is constantly updated and asked for contributions from the floor so that local residents could have input into the plan.

- Many items were suggested:
- More signage of different locations within Liquorice Park.
- Signage should be sympathetic to Liquorice Park and durable.
- Name the different paths.
- Make trails, especially for children
- Create an inventory so that we know what we have and do not disturb it
- Better communications between local residents' groups. Use existing methods of communication, such as the school email system.
- Create a Twitter account
- Make sure that we have
- Make the website mobile-friendly
- Make more of Liquorice Park as a social resource and community meeting place - such as Christmas Carols
- The Performance Area needs to regain its identity - residents are not sure what it is

## **7 New management plan**

PC explained that the new management plan for 2020 was now being looked at by the trustees in good time for the new year .

## **8 Election of officers**

The officers were all willing to continue in their roles. Therefore the following posts were agreed.

Chair	Phil Cragg	Proposed: AG	Seconded: PT
Treasurer	Nicola Watson	Proposed: NW	Seconded: RB
Volunteers	Alison Griffiths	Proposed: AG	Seconded: PC

## **9 Any Other Business**

There was no other business and the meeting closed.

Attendance:

Patricia Ruff  
Helena Buckle  
Paul Griffiths  
Frances Carson  
Stephen Carson  
Malligarani M  
Rangarajom A  
Nathan Clark  
Christopher Padley  
David Royle  
Jeremy Wright  
Rob Parker  
Lucinda Preston  
Grace Ellis

## Chairman's report AGM 2.10.2019

This is my first AGM as Chairman and I want to start by pausing for a moment and reflecting on what a wonderful resource Liquorice Park is for our community. Whether we love its natural habitat, its wildness, its meandering paths or its community events, all of us here are joined by both a common love of the Park and a commitment to maintaining it for all our community and for future generations.

Sometimes in the cut and thrust of discussion we can lose sight of this common purpose that we share and we should not do so.

In past years the debate about the management of the Park has been around balancing the wishes of people who seek to maintain the Park as a wild space with minimal intervention and those who would prefer a more managed area for the community to enjoy.

In the autumn of last year, we sought views of the community on this issue at our Open day. We used the information gathered to help us prepare our Management plan for 2019. For the first time the plan divided the park into different areas. Some requiring little intervention. Others more so.

Each area had its own action plan and a nominated trustee or volunteer was appointed to "own" that plan. We are now three quarters of the way through the year and I believe the plan has broadly worked well. It has not been without its challenges but the feedback we have had from people has been really supportive and positive. In particular, we have largely managed to avoid any acrimonious and upsetting fall outs which sometimes featured in days gone by.

The bulk of the objectives in the 2019 plan have been achieved. Each section of the park provides an update to each Trustees meeting and in this way, we can monitor progress.

We have sought to improve communication with the community by encouraging comment and the increased use of social media. We have a new website and have started to upload video of local people with their views on the park to raise awareness. We have also made progress in our governance, developing risk assessments and the necessary policies for GDPR compliance. Our finances are solid. However there remains work to be done on improving our communication /publicity and fundraising, which were all hampered a little by the lack of volunteers able to help in those areas.

I want to say thank you to all my fellow trustees who do so much work over the year, both in the park and at home doing the necessary paperwork. I also want to thank the many volunteers who work tirelessly and enthusiastically for the benefit of the park. I am proud that we have volunteers from right across the community, young and not so young, working together and having fun.

I also wish to thank our commercial sponsors for their support. Donations from the Siemens group and the Co-op have made a big difference this year.

Finally, I want to say a special thank you to Alison, our volunteer co Ordinator. She has done an amazing job in encouraging groups to work in the park such as the University, Bishop Grosseteste and Lincoln College. She has increased the number of individual local people getting involved in volunteering and has been a real beacon for the park with her enthusiasm, passion and selfless hard work. Thank you, Alison.

As to the year ahead, we are starting to research and prepare for our new Management plan. To help us it's important to hear from the community with your ideas and suggestions, so keep them coming. With your help, we will do all we can to maintain Liquorice Park as the precious place that we all love and enjoy.

**Phil Cragg 2.10.19 Chairman**

## Liquorice Park

Volunteer Co-ordinator Report 27th September 2019

The park has a strong band of 9 volunteers attending at least once a week, averaging 20 volunteers hours/week.

Other groups have attended throughout the year and also will be attending over the autumn/winter period.

**Groups include:** Co-operative apprentices and volunteers  
Lincoln University Students (make a difference week)  
Lincoln Geo Cashers  
Lincoln Conservation Volunteers  
Siemens apprentices

**New possible Groups** ECO group Lincoln University  
Pilgrim Special School pupils  
Scouts  
Bishop Grosseteste Students

### **Paths**

Apprentices and students have been particularly helpful in maintaining the paths through the park by spreading wood chip. Regular cutting of path sides and removing overhanging brambles has kept paths clear and welcoming.

New pathways have been created through the brambles – work mainly done by park volunteers.

### **Performance Area**

A professional gardener who lives in Alexandra Terrace has taken on the topiary. The community garden is looking the best ever and the last two mosaics have been put in place after being re-created by a group of people with special needs from TESS.

The re-design of the performance area and tiered seating has yet to be decided. It was thought best to wait until after the Open Day before considering the future of the area.

### **Steps**

Steps are regularly failing. The eastern steps have nearly all been repaired or replaced which will now allow work to start on the main steps. A team of four volunteers are available to start work, which hopefully will be within the next few weeks. The materials are costly – some £500 will be required to purchase sufficient wood, gravel, screws and re-bar for the next stage.

### **Open Day**

Despite some adverse weather, the day was a success, although the attendance was down on last year. Those that did attend were very positive and complimentary towards the park and volunteers. The funds raised were £80 more than last year thanks to those who baked cakes and donated plants for the plant sale.

# Liquorice Park Millennium Green Trust

## Annual Accounts - 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

### Brought forward

Co-operative account	3,566.62
Petty cash	

### Income

West End Arts	57.70
Phil Cragg	80.00
Co-op Community Champions	726.49
Public Liability Insurance	84.00
Refund from Listers	127.32

Bank Interest	-
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### Expenditure

Specialist Landscapes	1,000.00
Printing and stationery	59.00
Public Liability Insurance	84.00
Room hire for AGM	33.60

Wood and screws	35.89
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First Aid Box	26.96
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Bank charge (Cancelled Cheque)	5.00
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Carry Forward Co-operative Account Petty cash	3,397.68
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