



## **Minutes of the AGM & public meeting, Tuesday 29 April 2025, Knaresborough Working Men's Club, 7.30pm**

**Present:** Phil Millward (Chairman), Carole Dobson (Treasurer), Karen Millward (Secretary), Hilary Hopkinson (Committee member), Chris Pyle (Committee member), Julia Hatch, Fran Adamson (NYC), Matt Walker (KTC), Mike Pyle, Liz Baxandall, John Keelan-Edwards, Peter Ross, Stella Barclay, Alison Organ, June Graham, Katie Gray, Ian Brown, Aldy Jarrett, Andrea Jarrett

**Apologies:** Hannah Gostlow (KTC), Richard Owen-Hughes, Miranda Armitage, Richard Williams, Mr A Gill, Wendy and Marshall Barclay, Cath and Phil Oldfield, Judith and Ernie Preston, Mark Boldry

### **Annual General Meeting**

#### **1) Chairperson's welcome**

Phil Millward (PM) welcomed members of the public and thanked KNA WMC for allowing us to use the facilities.

#### **2) Approval of the minutes of the last AGM held on Tuesday 23 April 2024**

Minutes approved.

#### **3) Matters arising**

No matters arising.

#### **4) Election of officers and committee membership**

Phil Millward remains as Chairman.

Carole Dobson remains as Treasurer.

Karen Millward remains as Secretary.

Hilary Hopkinson, Chris Pyle and Julia Hatch remain as committee members.

Shirelle Hawkins, Countryside Education Officer, remains a committee member but does not have a vote as specified in FoJSP Constitution.

#### **5) Chair's report 2023-2024**

PM thanked all the committee members, NYC and the wider park community for helping to care for the park on their visits.

Thanks was also given to all those who participated in the organised volunteering events and also to those people who separately tend the park whilst visiting.

Specific highlights of the past year:

- The re-establishing the western boundary pond and creation of a new pond on the northern boundary; these will be managed by Yorkshire Wildlife Trust for the next 25 years. The project has been a great success and despite very little rain, both have retained water.

- In addition to fencing the new pond on the northern boundary, all broken fencing around veteran trees has been replaced. Several people have commented on how much better the park looks for replacing the broken fences. The fencing was achieved at a much lower cost than originally estimated due to only having one cross bar instead of two.
- The planting of around 200 shrubs as well as wild flower plugs and seeds to attract pollinators. Thank you to Julia Hatch for the planning and co-ordinating of this project, as well as all the time she spent in the park! Thanks also to all the volunteers over many volunteering sessions who have helped ensure everything was planted/sown.

## **6) Treasurer's report 2023-2024**

Carole Dobson (CD) reported that the accounts for the year end closed at £1,035.34, down on the previous year. It was noted that donations were also down on the previous year.

Committed funds held by NYC and available to spend on new projects stand at £7,452. It was noted that £212.25 has an expiry date and should be used asap.

CD thanked Richard Owen-Hughes for examining the accounts for 2024/2025 and for offering to examine the 2025/2026 accounts next year.

Appointment of the 2025/2026 examiner; Richard Owen-Hughes is appointed; thank you to Richard for your continued support.

## **7) Any other business**

No other business.

Meeting closed.