



MINUTES OF FoYW COMMITTEE MEETING 17th August 2026

Attending:

Mary Wayne / Chair	Jiri Fuchs /Treasurer
Hilary Scott / Secretary	Jacob Gloor / Warden
Eddie Oag / Projects	Marianne Leeson – Amenities
Martin Snow / Volunteer	

Apologies:

Sue Piddington / Volunteer	
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No.		Subject	Action
1.	Minutes from last meeting	All actions completed apart from newsletter which MW will draft shortly. Minutes approved.	MW
2.	Treasurer's Report	JF provided update on current finances. We are still awaiting the funding from the Affinity Water bid. JF to chase.	JF
3.	Secretary's Update	Membership and active volunteer numbers remain static.	
4.	Warden's Update	No mow areas remain in place, and JG has no plans to cut these areas back as they provide good habitat for insects and butterflies. The Himalayan Knotweed has been treated successfully on the island but need to check the other areas in the park. Mowing horsetail weed has partially suppressed growth in the island but it is spreading in the adjacent grass area.	
5.	Green Flag Status	PVG have provided information required for gaining Green Flag Status. Discussion took place regarding whether we think this would benefit the park. MW will ask Steven Mills opinion, advice. Some possible benefits/ ideas could include: • Path resurfacing for Shady Walk • Repair to sports field fence • Outdoor gym? • Northumberland Road entrance path improvements • Removal of old fence at bottom end of orchard	MW
6.	Funding for water standpipe	JF and MW investigated the possibility of having a standpipe installed for park use. The standpipe costs were investigated with Affinity	



		Water and Harrow Council. Potential costs were considered too expensive to proceed.	
7.	Crane Valley Partnership Community Fund	Consider possible bid for funding for an additional, more powerful water pump to help with park irrigation. EO and JF will investigate options.	EO/JF
8.	Harrow Council Contacts	MW has invited new members of Harrow Council responsible for Biodiversity and Park Strategy for a park visit, which is planned for September.	
9.	Yeading Brook Unbound	No further contact with Steve Marshall expected until late Autumn. MW will chase in September.	MW
10.	Orchard Day	Orchard Day held on the 15 th August was successful. Earlier advertising would perhaps encourage more people to join in, but it has been difficult to gauge when the fruit will be ready for picking due to the weather. Another long fruit picker will be purchased.	JF
11.	Nature Walks / Events	Bat Walk – we need to find a knowledgeable person to lead this Tree ID ramble – MW will contact John Wells for a late Autumn event Bird ID walk – MW to contact Ian Jackson for an event in the Spring 2027.	MW
12.	Fire Risk	Discussion regarding what action the committee can take to help with fire prevention. EO/ JF to provide some suggestions for fire preparedness / communications with park users. MW to contact Harrow Parks Forum Secretary to request inviting the Fire Dept to the next members' meeting to brief the HPF members on fire prevention measures in all the parks.	EO/JF MW
13.	Weeping Willow	Sadly, one of the large weeping willow trees has died and will need to be removed for safety reasons. Harrow Council are aware. Consider replacing with a new willow tree, subject to guidance from Harrow arboriculturists.	
14.	AGM	Annual General Meeting planned for 18 th October 2026	
15.	Date of next meeting	Monday 5 th October 2026	