

Castlefields Canal and River Park Association (CARP)

**Minutes of the Committee meeting held
On 15th November, 2018 at 7pm in the
Council Chamber of the Town Hall**

Those Present	Denis Robinson	DR	Chair
	Sue Court	SC	Secretary
	Debbie Smith	DS	Trustee
	Julie Wakeham	JW	Trustee
	Dee Robinson	DeeR	Trustee
	Martin Court	MC	Trustee
	Tim Preece	TP	Treasurer

- 1. Apologies;** Martin Boswell.
- 2. Minutes of the Last meeting:** held on 20th September, 2018, agreed
- 3. Matters Arising:** AOB – Signage to the Park. Chair reported that following discussions with CTC signage would be either expensive or involve a lot of bureaucracy. However, Calne Our Place is in the process of attempting to locate several town maps highlighting significant features around the town. Castlefields will be included on these maps. DS suggested that estate agents be asked to include CARP leaflets in their information packs. JW volunteered to pursue this good idea.
- 4. Treasurer’s Report:** Balance is £1675.11. The grant of £577 has been received from CTC. £379 to CARP funds and £198 as waiver of hire costs. DS proposed a vote of thanks to CTC, seconded by JW. Chair has written a letter of thanks to the council.
- 5. Correspondence:** None.
- 6. Community Involvement:**

Britain in Bloom:

Calne received a Silver Gilt in this years' judging and CARP was awarded Level 5, outstanding in the IYN category. Thanks to all the volunteers for help getting the park ready. It is understood that Calne will not be entering BinB for 2019. It is unclear at the moment whether the IYN will still go ahead. Clarification will be sought before the next meeting.

Safety Forum:

Nothing to report.

Winter Festival:

It was agreed that the stall will be set up at 1 p.m. Cards to be 30p a go or 4 for £1. SC to ask for volunteers to help staff the stall. DeeR said she had received significant amount of sweets etc., from Tesco, and she has

written and delivered a letter to the Co-Op. Many thanks to Jill Samphier for donating 20 gift wrapped prizes. More donations still required.

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SC reported that she and JW had attended a meeting in October. Proposed location for the "Peace Park" will be along the cycle way to the left of the second cattle grid near the Station Road development. It is planned to plant the trees in time for the 2019 Remembrance Day. This coincides with centenary of first memorials being dedicated. CARP has stated that we would not be responsible for the park and the coppice committee understand this. CARP will continue to support

7. **Mound Walls:** Due to other commitments CTC is unlikely to be in a position to be initiate work on Phase 2 of the walls until next Spring.
8. **Marden River Survey:** We have received a negative response from the Ninevah Trust for funding. In view of the current difficulty in obtaining grants, Chair proposed that CARP not pursue this avenue at present. But see also Item 9. Chair went onto explain conversations he had with WC Highways and CTC regarding the invasive growth along the river walls in the Town Hall area. WC has agreed that CARP can undertake removal of this growth. This work could take place in February, subject to weather conditions. Help will be needed with disposal of the arisings. Members were asked to approach their contacts in the landscaping industry for assistance.
9. **Friends of the Earth, Marden Valley Project:** Chair reported on a meeting he had attended along with TP. Organised by FoE. They were concerned that the Eastward development of Chippenham could encroach adversely on the Marden Valley. At the end of this meeting it was agreed that there was sufficient concern and interest to try and establish a group to ensure that the valley was protected as far as possible from inappropriate development. Chair and TP will attend any future meetings as CARP reps.

10.AOB: None.

11. **Date of Next Working Party 18 November & 16 December 2018**

12. **Date of Next Meeting 17 January 2019**

