

FBWRP meeting minutes 14/10/2026

Present – ME, AG, LM, DH, BM, CJ, MB, OH, CH

Apologies – CM

1 After the meeting in Rayner Park with Adam Pennington from the council, BM emailed Angela Addis about contacting the payback team hopefully to help with trimming the edge of the new path.

Angela has contacted the team and is waiting for a reply.

2 We discussed a letter to the residents of Danes Ave asking for their input about the group introducing some colour to the park. EG planting bulbs, wild flower seeds and other plants which could provide colour at different times of the year.

OH suggested a simple survey type letter.

3 Ideas for improvements were discussed.

To trim the area where new trees were planted in 2024. This has become overgrown.

BM has contacted Green Crew. Waiting for a reply

MB gave some advice about possible planting in the meeting.

Daffodils, narcissi, tulips, rubbecca, broom, orange blossom etc.

We discussed getting cuttings from local people.

4 ME litter picks regularly on Thursday with others. She commented on the number of people leaving their dog waste in bags in the wood.

She also told us that dog walkers asked volunteers to carry their dogs waste bag for them!!

BM suggested refusing as a sack full of dog waste is heavy to carry.

BM to email PB to see if enforcement officers could walk through the woods to give advice? This might be less intimidating for the officers if we could have members of the Friends group present with them?

5 Volunteers reported debris coming down the slope again behind the car wash. DH requested that photos could be sent to PB again.

6 A new car parking area is to start on 15th October on Mill Lane opposite the cemetery wall. OH said he would make a Blog for the website about the success of the council and the group working together to achieve this.

7 A donation from the friends group will be given to St Johns Methodist Church in Hindley after they allowed us to hold another Photo Exhibition.

8 The Next Walk in Borsdane Wood is The Fungi Forage with Dave Winnard. 2-4pm starting at the tunnel end of the wood.

AOB

-CJ asked about the possibility of clearing an area within Rayner Park. This area used to be the paddling pool historically and is full of rubble and very wet. Would it be possible in the future to open the tree canopy, clear some of the rubble and plant things which would flourish in the dampness?

-ME asked if there could be metal information boards in the wood telling about the history of the area. (like those at Low Hall) CJ said they are expensive.

-CHs sessions with a local school to start on 16/10. We saw some of the resources and information to be shared with the pupils. OH asked if photos and information could be shared on the blog and our facebook page with the schools permission.

- The group were contacted about the possible impact of the Wingates development on local wildlife. An action group has been organised by the lady who informed the group.