

Notes of Meeting Held on Thursday 3rd November 2011 at Long Eaton Leisure Centre

Present Park Users, Local Residents, representatives of EBC and other organisations

Apologies :- John Clarke

Dave Bramwell

Richard Windsor

Amanda Solloway

1) **Introductions**

E Davis took the chair and welcomed the 11 members present

2) **Minutes of the previous meeting**

DB has sent a message with RA that Item 5, second paragraph should read that the 'the bed sizes were not acceptable'

Other than this item, the Minutes of the meeting held 7th September, were accepted as a true record.

3) **Matters arising**

DB was having a meeting with DART on 4th November, he did not require SA to attend.

AS sent a message that the Sustainability Grant forms would be submitted to Community Spaces after a meeting with Alan Leather next week

A new Plaque from Community Spaces for the Outdoor Gym would arrive by post next week. Arrangements would be made to have it installed by the Wicksteed sign board.

The Leopold Street entrance has still not been fully resolved. An order has been made to put the path on the definitive map, but any objections received could delay a final decision 'for years'.

4) **Community Watch**

11 minor ASB offences. 9 Underage drinkers were caught, letters have been sent to parents, one was a second time offender, and a ASBO is being processed.

The flasher in the Fox Covert is still active.

There has been a suspicious guy in the children's play area, trying to befriend the children. It could be the same person.

A male has been reported taking photos of the children playing.

The Travellers from the Car Park at the back of Armstrong's, have been creating a nuisance at the Leisure Centre, by having showers and jumping nude into the swimming pool, without paying. They have now moved on from the town.

5) **Flower Beds**

Now that it has been agreed that the flower beds will happen, SA will begin to raise the money for the two large beds. DB is having meetings with DART, and a meeting will be arranged with Caroline Pollard for the planting plan.

6) **Sustainability Grant**

Dealt with in Matters Arising

7) **Skateboard Park**

Contractors have arrived on site, and marked out the ground. The build is expected to take 12 weeks. RA believes that DB has kept Joe Oakley informed about the BMX track.

8) **Update on Ongoing Issues**

a An additional £50k has been made available for the Splash Pad. and must be spent in this financial year.

b Spire and clock not scheduled for repair

c Still closed (See Matters Arising)

d Waste Bins will be changed during the winter

e Steps to be painted 'next week '

f Gate at S cemetery not yet repaired. Francesca Machin to be asked to deal.

g No progress made on the roof for the green hut. Cllr. Smith to speak to the Mayor.

h N.B-L and MT marked path every 100 metres. Marks now obliterated by rain.

Marks will be made on the path when Sustainability Grant obtained.

l To upgrade the footpath on the floodbank, an application would need to be made to the Environment Agency, who owns it.

j Veteran's Plaque is complete.

k Notice Board is to be removed for refurbishment. Where it now says Long Eaton Town Centre, it will then read Friends of West Park. The move will happen after refurbishment.

l Parkside entrance may be enhanced for multi-users. It is now lockable.

m Knee rail is in place by the carpark, blacksmith to be consulted about the Butterfly Gates.

n New door has been fitted to the disabled toilets near the cafe. The door still has to be padlocked after 4pm to prevent vandalism. It was suggested that a sign should be affixed to the door to say where the nearest alternative toilets are.

9) **Any Other Business**

N B_L and SE have removed grass from the palms in the Bowling Green bank. They, and the new trees need to be watered more often in dry spells.

Neither Jamie, nor DB had been able to find any information about the gel used to deter dogs from attacking the trees. They are advised to contact the appropriate person at Epping Forest for information, where this problem had been rife.

John Clarke has made it known that he is willing to stand as Treasurer in the next year, but he will not act as Secretary.

10) **Date and Time of Next Meeting**

Wednesday 14th December 2011. Cavendish Room, Leisure Centre

10am – AGM

10.30am – Scheduled Meeting

NB After the meeting, the keys to the Notice Boards were given to RA for safe keeping, and to make them more available to others.