

Notes of meeting held on 7 September, 2011 at West Park Leisure Centre.

Present: Park users, local residents and representatives of EBC and other organisations.

1 Introductions

E Davis took the chair. He welcomed the 17 members present. Apologies were received from K Athwal, K Miller and R Windsor.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 30 June were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters arising

There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere in the agenda.

4 Community Watch

George Wilkinson, a special constable, was welcomed to the meeting. There have been 6 reports to the police, mainly for rowdiness; one involved a quad-bike.

5 Flower beds

Councilor Smith stated that the Council Executive was in full support of the flower bed scheme. It was asked whether Council money would be made available. DB would give costs to GS. DB said that he was seeking funding re long term maintenance from DART.

DB said that the bed sizes were acceptable, and the key was the planting plans which would determine maintenance costs. The project was approved, subject to the ability to maintain them, by a show of hands. A meeting would be arranged soon between DB/ SA/CP.

6 Outdoor Gym

Amanda Solloway said that the sustainability grant had been pursued and looked very positive. She had met Alan Leather and was having another meeting next week. SD said that a national Lottery plaque had been mislaid, and that she was having final meeting with Mark Jenks on Sept 8 to sign-off the project. DB said that he would find or replace the plaque.

7 Skatepark

DB stated that a start was still expected; there had been delay due to the contractors. After the installation, the fencing on the tennis courts would be replaced.

8 Update on ongoing issues

a) 90k had been made available; TW to put out to tender.

b) DB said that nothing will happen in relation to the cafe spire due to cost.

c) No decision had been made re the Leopold St entrance.

d) Removal of older waste bins was still to be done.

- e) Step leveling had been done near Broad St, and edge painting was due soon.
- f) There had been no progress on the repair to the southern entrance to the cemetery.
- g) No progress had been made via Property Services in regard to putting a metal roof on the green shelter. No news ex Kevin Miller re his proposed application to Three Valleys Housing.
- h) The provision of distance markers was in hand. NB-L and MT were liaising with DB. The estimated cost was £400.
- i) **JC and RA** would identify location of damage on floodbank.
- j) The veterans plaque move had been completed on Sept 6.
- k) Refurbishment and re-positioning of the notice boards was still to be done.
- l) The gate at the Parkside entrance could now be locked.
- m) The 'Butterfly gates' would be installed during the third week of October.
- n) The disabled toilets had been repaired but re-vandalised; now locked. Need new door due to damage.

9 A O B

- a) SA commented on what he saw as unsatisfactory bedding plant watering. He said that trees were being lost by drought rather than vandalism. SD said that some damage was done to trees by owners training dogs to bite.
- b) DB said that **TW** would send details of notice boards suitable for park maps to JC.

10 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 3 November. 7pm, Curzon Room, West Park Leisure Centre.