

Notes of meeting held on 3 Feb 2010 at West Park Leisure Centre.

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

**1 Introductions**

Eric Davis took the chair. He welcomed the 12 members present.

Apologies were received from S Etchells, N Burgess-Lowe

**2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 10 Dec were agreed as a true record. Those present confirmed that they had received minutes via e-mail.

**3 Matters arising**

The accounts for the period Oct 07 to Dec 09 were accepted.

**4 Community Watch**

PC Colin Howitt was introduced to the meeting.

It was reported that small cards were to be made available to members for distribution to Park users in respect of users reporting problems to the police.

Two schemes (Key Individual Network and Ringmaster) for keeping residents informed were mentioned.

CH and JG were invited to attend a meeting of the Riverside FC Captains Council.

**5 Update of ongoing issues**

a) Tenders for path repairs had been accepted. The work would be a mixture of upgrading to 'roadways', and patching.

b) DB said that ex-toilet buildings would be retained, but that containers would be removed. A decision in respect of other small buildings around the park was imminent.

c) DB said that the old pavilion at the bowling greens would have to be repaired or demolished.

d) Baby changing facilities had still not been fitted to the ladies toilets, and there were no waste bins there. This matter was well overdue for resolution. DB indicated that the progressing of this matter was out of his hands. The Secretary agreed to write to Stuart Lloyd.

e) A consultation event re the wheeled sports area was to be held this month. Completion of facility expected by the Autumn. The cost is about £120k.

f) **DB** said that he would pursue the continuing problems with emptying of dog bins.

## 6 **Keep fit apparatus**

SD reported that Comic Relief had turned down the funding request. She said that she was pursuing a number of other funding sources; one per day at the moment. Most sources of money limit awards to small amounts which are nowhere near the total funding being sought. ( price had increased to £18.5k)

It was agreed to start by purchasing equipment piecemeal, that one item would be purchased immediately. FOWP would contribute £500 and EBC would fund the balance. SD would form a sub-group to decide which item and its' location.

## 7 **Trees**

It was confirmed that trees and other items purchased for the park were the property of EBC. KB indicated that a number of replacement palms were required due to theft and failure to thrive. The Treasurer said that funds were not available for this. It was agreed to seek donations from gardeners. SA would prepare an 'advert'.

## 9 **A O B**

a) Caroline Pollard is forming a horticultural design group for EBC parks. Plan to be formed for the whole park, with the aim of increasing the colour in the park. SA will form a group (including CP) to gather ideas.

b) The Ascend Group were formulating plans for artistic graffiti on the walls of the main changing rooms.

c) SA said that he was still pursuing the idea of a sundial.

d) The litterpick by Riverside FC was very successful.

e) The Long Eaton Sunday League confirmed its' offer to help fund the erection of security fences in the main changing rooms; the cost is about £4k. It was agreed that, assuming that agreement was reached between the League and EBC about division of the cost, the work would be carried out in the summer. Riverside FC's offer of painting the dressing rooms would be done after the security work. Improvements would be made to the lighting inside the building.

f) CH asked for improvements to lighting around the park. DB said that work was in hand to put in extra fencing, and some extra lighting. It was suggested that CCTV could be installed much more cheaply than indicated by EBC. DB said that he would ask for West park to be included in the current EBC review of CCTV. facilities.

## 10 **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 25 March 2010, 7pm Curzon Room, West Park Leisure centre