

Notes of meeting held on 30 June, 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 15 members present. Apologies were received from S Allen and R Windsor.

**2 Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 24 March were agreed as a true record following comment on the wording of item 6.

**3 Matters arising**

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

**4 Community Watch**

CH reported that there had been problems in the play area in the evenings due to older children. There had been damage to the bowling greens, and assaults on a warden and a police officer. There had been significantly more problems than normal.

There had been 4 prosecutions.

**5 Flower beds**

It was said that the proposed beds could be too big to maintain properly due to the cost. The range of sizes was also commented on. It was suggested that schools could be involved.

It was confirmed that any sponsorship money would have to go through the FoWP bank account and not through that of EBC.

It was agreed to have a further discussion at the next meeting when Stuart Allen would be present.

**6 Outdoor Gym**

SD said that she was now tidying up loose ends. She said that there was the opportunity to apply for a 'sustainability grant' of up to £3.5k, but that she did not have time to pursue this before the deadline due to holidays. **Amanda Solloway** agreed to do this. It was suggested that any money obtained could be used to employ trainers.

Thanks were expressed to SD for her hard work on the project.

**7 Skatepark**

DB stated that a summer start was still expected; there had been delay due to the contractors.

**8 Update on ongoing issues**

a) £90k was to be available for the splashpad; a final decision would be made in 2 weeks. TW would draw up a specification to fit the funds available.

b) **DB** said that he would inform the secretary of the outcome of DCC deliberations. (after July 18).

c) Renewal of older waste bins was imminent.

d) The steps at the Broad St entrance would be done soon.

e) The repair to the southern entrance to the cemetery was delayed due to a 'heritage' problem.

f) **DB** said the he would look into the repair of the two that remained damaged.

g) No repair would be made to the to the clock or spire of the cafe.

h) **DB** agreed to give the secretary the cost of replacing the felt roof with a metal one.

**Kevin Miller** agreed to pursue an application for funding via Three Valleys Housing.

i) It was suggested that the long awaited distance markers could be funded via the lottery sustainability grant. **N B-L** agreed to follow this up.

j) Environment Agency to be approached re repair to path on floodbank.

k) The veterans plaque has been re-sited but there are doubts about whether the job is finished. **RA** to check.

l) **DB** suggested re-situating the notice boards; **RA** will do this. **DB** will arrange for the refurbishment of the metal notice board.

m) **TW** to do finger posts; next summer ?

n) **RA** will repair gate at Parkside entrance; replace at some future date.

## 9 A O B

a) The meeting agreed that the clearing-up after the Carnival was satisfactory.

b) The 'Butterfly gates' will be installed over the summer.

c) The change of police ward boundaries (see May 4 minute 4) has been shelved.

d) **RA** will look into problems with the locking of the disabled toilets at the cafe

e) East Midlands in Bloom visit July 13 at 11.55

## 10 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday Sept 7, 10am Cavendish Room, West Park Leisure centre.