

Notes of meeting held on 24 March, 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 13 members present.

Apologies were received from K Breakwell, J Clarke, D Bramwell, R Windsor, T Walker, C MacDonald.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 2 February were agreed as a true record.

3 Matters arising

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

4 Community Watch

CH reported that it had been reasonably quiet lately until a mix-up with cinema tickets caused over subscription at the cinema and subsequent trouble on West Park. One patrol had been done.

5 Outdoor Gym

SD reported that the order had been placed with Wicksteed, with delivery on May 9. DB has not been available to confirm the compound in West Park as the delivery and installation site. Cllr Miller said that he would look into this and report back to SD. A provisional arrangement had been made with Geoff Cooke to open the Outdoor Gym.

6 Splashpad

There is some confusion about how much money is available from the Playbuilder Fund for the splashpad. Cllr Miller agreed to check with Mike Wallis and report back.

7 Leopold Street entrance

JC and SA visited the manager of the site, and he expressed concerns regarding anti-social behaviour and heavy vehicle traffic. Keith Shiers reported that there would be a site visit by the Legal Group of the DCC in April. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Katherine Bean (01629 539262). The final decision will be made on July 18. CH reported that the police were collating evidence of anti-social behaviour before and after closure of the gate.

8 Update on ongoing issues

a) The Broad St bridge belongs to EBC; it is due to be inspected and repaired if necessary.

b) The walls had been removed from the steps to the bridge, and will be replaced by railings in March/April. White lines will be painted at the edge of each step.

c) Railings to the canal will be repaired as necessary when contractors are on site.

- d) **RW** will arrange the clean-up of the Harrington Drain with the Probation Service.
- e) Site testing at the skatepark would be complete March 25. Completion is expected by the summer holiday.
- f) The Butterfly gates are on going; the blacksmith is working on construction.
- g) Two damaged litter bins were awaiting replacements.
- h) Subject to approval by the conservation Officer, a new design of gate would be installed at the southern entrance to the cemetery; the path would also be leveled.
- i) Harlite would repair 20 damaged lamp columns. 4 repairs are outstanding, including 2 where only the base remains; work to be completed in April.
- j) Repair made to one set of steps on flood bank, and timber was available for the second.
- k) Contractors had been appointed to repair the Cafe clock and spire.
- l) No work currently planned for green hut on bowling green.
- m) The green shelter roof repair would cost £400, and the possibility of a metal roof was being investigated. This would be more expensive but more robust and vandal proof.
- n) Work to replace badly laid footpaths was completed on March 24.

9 A O B

- a) The Veterans Plaque is to be re-sited by a more mature tree identified by JC and ED.
- b) The wooden notice board will be replaced by a metal one ex the Market Place, and sited nearer to the pedestrian exit from the car park. The wooden board to installed near to the Broad St entrance.
- c) A finger post needed to point visitors to the cafe and toilets.
- d) What happened to the proposed distance markers?
- e) When will other paths be repaired?

10 Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday, 4 May, 10am Cavendish Room, West Park Leisure centre.