

Notes of meeting held on 4 May, 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 11 members present. Apologies were received from D Bramwell, C MacDonald.

2 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 24 March 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 there had been a serious assault on April 6. The Fair was problem free.. Litter still an ongoing problem. Only three calls for service since last meeting.

It was also reported that responsibility for policing the Park had been moved to the Sawley ward.

5 Outdoor Gym

SD reported that the order was due for delivery on May 9. Cllr Miller did not contact her as promised. RW agreed to confirm installation date.

6 Splashpad

N B-L and MT to be more proactive. Cllr Miller did not contact Mike Wallis and report back as promised.

7 Leopold Street entrance

i) RW said that he had sent bye-laws to DCC.

ii) RW said that he would contact graffiti artist ex 2008 regarding decoration of 'graffiti wall' now that permission had been received from Harrington Factory Co..

8 Update on ongoing issues

i) 'Planets planting'. SA said that he had obtained sponsorship for 5 beds with two others possibly sponsored by Lafarge. This left two unsponsored. The Group agreed to sponsor 'Earth' at a cost of £440. It was said that the largest bed is 20m in diameter; SA suggested that this could be a maze. CP is to do detailed drawings. It was suggested that work could start on 4 of the beds in Autumn.

ii) The skatepark had not been started due to a delay with the contractors.

iii) RW reported that the Harrington Drain had been cleared once since the last meeting.

iv) There would be a rethink on the precise positioning of the 'butterfly' gate.

v) It was reported that there had been no progress on any of the following matters:

Replacement waste bins.

Railings by steps at Broad St entrance.

Gate at southern entrance to cemetery.

Repair to remaining damaged lamp columns.

Repair to Cafe clock and spire.

Green shelter roof.

Placing of running markers.

Repair of steps to floodbank in Fox Covert.

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 is the position re memorial seats? Suggestion that requests have been refused. **RW** to clarify position.

e) A solution is needed to the securing of the Parkside entrance to the park; this entrance is never padlocked.

f) It was agreed that Richard Ashley should attend future meetings.

10 Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 30 June, 7pm, Curzon Room, West Park Leisure centre.