

Notes of meeting held on 5 May 2010 at West Park Leisure Centre.

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

1 **Introductions**

Dave Bramwell took the chair. He welcomed the 10 members present.

Apologies were received from A Collishaw, K Breakwell, N Burgess-Lowe, S Davis, E Davis, M Thornton.

2 **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting of 25 March were agreed as a true record.

3 **Matters arising**

There were no matters arising not covered in the agenda.

4 **Community Watch**

It was reported that the cards intended for distribution had been received, and were at Long Eaton Police Station; they would be made available for distribution.

An e-mail listing recent occurrences had been sent to members; the main problem was underage drinking, but there had been two instances of indecent exposure.

5 **Update of ongoing issues**

a) 49 people attended the meeting re the skate park. £150k is available with possibly further money for lighting. There was a query over whether the electricity supply was adequate. Once contracts had been signed, the build would take 4 months.

b) The baby changing facilities for West Park Cafe were to be fitted soon.

c) SA indicated that the sun dial was progressing, and should be in the nursery yard within 2 weeks. It was to be installed at the old putting green. It was suggested that this would then be a suitable site for a floral display in the future.

d) RW said that a schools competition had been started for the design of a pair of gates at the yellow barrier entrance. The three schools that had adopted West park (English Martyrs, Brackenfield and Parklands) were being asked for designs for metal panels.

e) It was agreed that eventually a significant improvement to the Thoresby Road entrance should be attempted.

f) It was suggested that any proposed refurbishment of the bandstand should go beyond a coat of paint, and include proper repainting of the coats of arms. **DB** said that he would progress this.

g) **DB** agreed to find out who was responsible for the iron railings bordering the canal, as some of them are broken.

- h) DB gave an update on plans for pathway repair.
- i) DB said that updating the security in the main changing rooms was in the pipeline; this would be followed by redecoration.
- j) Designs for the decoration of the exterior walls of the changing rooms had been done.

6 **Keep fit apparatus**

The bid to Changing Spaces had been accepted at the first stage. The bid was for £18800, which, if successful, would purchase 9 pieces of equipment.

There was agreement that Sheila Davis had done a brilliant job in progressing this project.

7 **Colour in the park**

CP, and RW would be attending a meeting of the Long Eaton Horticultural Society on 30 March to enlist their interest in contributing to a 5 year plan for introducing more colour into the park.

8 **A O B**

a) The policy of replacing palms with expensive purchases was queried. It was suggested that obtaining smaller specimens and growing them on in the nursery was more sensible. The cold winter had damaged several plantings.

b) There would be a tree planting review in September.

c) It was asked whether the spire on Cafe Perk would be repaired.

d) It was stated that Tony Walker was pursuing a grant of £100k for a wet play area.

e) The judging for East Midlands in bloom would be in mid July (12 to 16). **RW** would give the date.

f) The current opening times for Cafe Perk are 10.30 to 4.30 during the week, and 10 'til 5 at weekends.

10 **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 1 July 2010, 7pm Curzon Room, West Park Leisure Centre