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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 8th May 2012,
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Mary Montgomery, Iris Bolster, Liz Osborn, Suzanna van Moyland.

Apologies: Ivy Bolt, Jerome Edwards, Ann Devereaux, John Stone, Greg Eynon.

Mina Road Park

There are lots of weeds, particularly Himalayan balsam, on the island by the Brooks boundary. BCC Parks will address this. Because of the planting MRPG has done in this area, Hugh has arranged with Parks that we'll weed and hoe around the new plants to mark out where they are, so that they're not sprayed.

- MRPG members will meet Sunday afternoon to weed and hoe around the new plants.

Our thanks to Iris for donating two viburnum tinus and to Hugh for all the other plants (and providing the equipment for the planting sessions too).

Hugh has added to the geranium clusters between the plane trees along the Mina Road side, to make them more visible (less likely to get mown or trodden on while they get established), and they are doing very well.

BCC liaised with Hugh about the self-seeded ash tree by the boundary wall with Sevier Street, which will be removed.

The grass still hasn't been cut, and it could do with spraying again.

- Hugh will contact BCC Parks Department.

There's a problem with dogs in the play area. The new community noticeboard will be installed at the end of May. As it will be near the play area's gate, a notice can go in there saying "no dogs in the play area because...", and also perhaps one on the gate itself would be useful.

- MRPG to put notice on the new community noticeboard saying "no dogs in the play area because...".

Richard Fletcher, Neighbourhood Engagement Manager, will sort out the replacement Wildlife Noticeboard.

Ducks are back on the stream. The brook will be due for an additional invertebrate sampling in the summer to assess how well it's recovering from the sewage contamination.

- Hugh will email Matthew Sands, Environment Adviser at BCC, in July.

St Werburghs Park

Roland noted that the gate still hasn't been fixed.

Ashley Street Park

The grass hasn't been cut for ages and is far too long.

There is still no news from BCC re: the free picnic bench initially offered by Jane's Pond Ltd on 4th November.

- Suzanna will phone Jane's Pond Ltd and ask them whether they still have any benches to donate.

Suzanna weeded all the bind weed and will keep this up throughout the summer with the aim of thoroughly discouraging it over the next year or so.

Any Other Business

It was announced at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting that there is a small amount of money remaining for green projects.

- Suzanna will email Diane Dodds of the Neighbourhood Partnership to find out about this.

Following the success of 'Picnic in the Park' last year in Mina Road Park, MRPG is looking forward to this year's event.

- Hugh will email Goska of St Werburgh's Community Centre (which co-ordinates the event), for information and to find out how we can help.

Next Meeting and AGM

Tuesday 12th June 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.