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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 9th October 2012,
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Jerome Edwards, Mary Montgomery, Suzanna van Moyland.
Apologies: Iris Bolster, Ann Devereaux, Liz Osborn, Ivy Bolt, John Stone.

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Suzanna met BCC's new Area Environment Officer for Parks & Green Spaces, Tim Chinnock on 24th September, to show him where both the new and the moved community noticeboards should be positioned. He also had the graphics for the replacement wildlife board. Suzanna has emailed the Community Centre and SWNA to let them know that she'll have an allen key for the noticeboards.

Hugh and Roland have volunteered to sand and oil the other wildlife board.

Because of the pollution incident to the stream in March, BCC's Environment Department was going to do an additional sampling in the summer, to determine how well the brook has recovered and whether the sticklebacks and invertebrates have come back.

- Hugh to check with Matthew Sands/Tanya Saker whether the sampling's taken place and results.

Roland reported yellow wagtails (which are on the RSPB conservation red list because of declining numbers) near the stream.

Adrian Murdoch of the Landscape Group suggested to Hugh that a grill further upstream would be an effective and efficient way to catch waste before it gets to the grill at the Rosebery Avenue culvert, which is very tricky to access and clear, especially when the water's high.

MRPG would like to thank The Landscape Group for sorting the Japanese Knotweed.

Ashley Street Park

MRPG's thanks to Pete Clark, Area Park Manager, who met Hugh and Suzanna in Ashley St Park on 19th September to look at the positioning of the new picnic bench. He later rang Hugh to discuss the bench's base, proposing reinforcement mesh which the grass grows through, which MRPG agreed is a much better solution than concrete. Andy Spargo, BCC Landscapes Co-ordinator, also called Hugh to discuss the bench installation.

Hugh emailed Tree Bristol to ask if they can plant a replacement rowan tree, and hasn't heard back yet.

Other Green Spaces

Hugh discussed the collapsed culvert in need of urgent repair at the bottom of Church path (that runs under St Werburghs Road) with Matt Sands, BCC's Environment Officer. He'll be liaising with the Environment Agency and will keep Hugh updated.

Any Other Business

The Neighbourhood Partnership has formed an Environment Sub-Group, which will take a strategic look at parks and green spaces, trees and waste issues in the partnership area. Hugh's name was put forward to the NP via SWNA and he has been appointed onto the Sub-Group.

Roland and Hugh discussed BCC's monitoring of contracted work in parks and green spaces, and the potential role of park groups in checking the quality of upkeep. MRPG agreed to do a walkabout on the Sunday before each monthly meeting.

- MRPG to meet on Sunday 11th November at 2pm by the new noticeboard in Mina Road Park.

Next Meeting Tuesday 13th November 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church.
(We usually meet every second Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm at the Parkway Methodist Church, Conduit Place — and welcome anyone who wants to become involved, either for one-off issues and events, or the longer-term.)