



Mina
Road
Park
Group

MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 10th September 2013
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Mary Montgomery, Ann Devereaux, Suzanna van Moyland.

Apologies: Jerome Edwards, Iris Bolster, Liz Osborn, John Stone.

Picnic in the Park

Hugh passed on thanks from Goska Ong, Community Centre Manager, for MRPG's help with another very successful Picnic in the Park this year. (Hugh and Roland used their vans to ferry stuff between the community centre and the park, and MRPG members helped with stewarding, setting up and putting away.)

However, MRPG was disappointed that there was no mention of the park group in the programme. It would have been an ideal opportunity to attract new members, and to highlight the time and expertise MRPG puts in that keeps Mina Road Park and other green spaces in St Werburghs up to standard.

Mina Road Park

One of the bridges in Mina Road Park has rotting slats. This is a health and safety problem. MRPG notified Tom Penn (Area Environment Officer) of this issue in April.

St Werburghs Park

The davidia involucrata handkerchief tree on the side of the mound has not had a good year, despite Roland watering it.

Other Green Spaces

Roland has been advising the Neighbourhood Partnership Environment Subgroup on areas suitable for planting bulbs. MRPG agrees with his recommendations for two areas in St Werburghs: (i) opposite the Primary School; and (ii) the grassy corner of Minto Road.

The brambles and bindweed in Gatton Road have now reached epic proportions. The bindweed has engulfed most of the shrubs and the brambles are tearing across the pavement.

♦ Roland to take more photographs and send to Richard Fletcher and Chris Hammond.

Any Other Business

MRPG discussed The Landscape Group and the maintenance contract, which is up for renewal in 2014. MRPG will object to The Landscape Group being awarded the contract again due to its performance.

♦ Suzanna to circulate to MRPG a draft statement drawn up during the meeting.

MRPG drafted wording to advertise for new active members – who are desperately needed if the parks and green spaces enjoyed in St Werburghs are to continue to be kept to standard.

♦ Suzanna to circulate to MRPG draft wording for the St Werburghs website, MRPG's new facebook page, the Community Centre, SWNA, etc.

Ivy Bolt died on 2nd September 2013. She was one of the oldest members of the group and the soul of it.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 8th October 2013, 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.)