



Mina  
Road  
Park  
Group

## MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2013  
Parkway Methodist Church

**Present:** Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Jerome Edwards, Iris Bolster, Mary Montgomery, Liz Osborn, Suzanna van Moyland, Tom Penn (AEO).

**Apologies:** Ivy Bolt, Ann Devereaux, John Stone.

### All Areas

New AEO Tom Penn came to the first part of the meeting. Potential funding for park and green space improvements, including potential tree planting (see below) and bulb planting, were discussed.

The grass has again not been cut regularly enough for the time of year.

### Mina Road Park

Goska from St Werburghs Community Centre emailed Hugh about the idea of a table tennis table in Mina Road Park, following a resident's suggestion to her. MRPG has long been in favour of this, however it would need careful siting, consideration of standing, etc.

A large branch of the tall willow tree by the stream had fallen, which Hugh reported. By chance Hugh was in the park when the tree contractors were there. They had been instructed to cut the whole tree to just above the branch. Hugh intervened, phoned Parks immediately and had this stopped, so that the contractors just removed the branch. (Cutting down so much of a large tree in June would have been particularly damaging for wildlife.)

Hugh has treated the new wildlife board with teak oil.

General park maintenance has again been very poor. Roland reported that there is balsam on the other side of the stream which needs doing.

- ◆ Roland will take photos of weeds, balsam etc.
- ◆ Roland will take a closer look at the wall on the other side of the stream to see if plants are undermining it.

If the stream becomes polluted again, it should be reported immediately to the Environment Agency on 0800 807060 (free from landlines). Further info at: <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/contactus/36345.aspx>

### Ashley Street Park

Suzanna has done a couple of stints of de-bindweeding.

### Other Green Spaces

MRPG will do a walkabout on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm to shortlist 12 potential sites for tree planting, as discussed with Tom Penn. (This follows on from MRPG's mapping of 27 potential sites back in 2011.)

- ◆ Suzanna to email the 2011 list & map to everyone before the walkabout.
- ◆ Suzanna to email the 12 proposed sites to AEO Tom Penn after the walkabout.

The verge outside A&M Motors has been turfed over and grassed.

Gatton Road is again suffering from very poor maintenance.

### Any Other Business

- ◆ Suzanna to email AEO Tom Penn with the three suggestions if S106 funds are available (see May Minutes).

Hugh, Roland and Suzanna attended the Neighbourhood Partnership Environment Sub-Group on 6<sup>th</sup> June.

### Next Meeting

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 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.)