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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 11th October 2011,
Parkway Methodist Church

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

Apologies: Ivy Bolt, Rod Collier, Sally Seddon, Carolyn Picton.

Matters Arising:

There'll be a waste bin in the kickabout area of Mina Road Park next week.

Re: much-needed Noticeboards in St Werburghs, there's no news or response from the Neighbourhood Partnership (MRPG had been advised to email to apply for Clean & Green funding for this).

- Suzanna to follow this up with Dianne Dodds of the Neighbourhood Partnership.

Main Business:

Ashley Street Park:

The knee high metal railing around the play area, put up 7 months ago, has still not been painted to match the existing rail.

- Hugh to follow up.

The rowan tree that came down last month was quickly removed. However, the rotten stump surrounded by mushrooms hasn't been ground out yet.

- Hugh to call and discuss, as it's not clear what the rot and fungus is.

Tree Bristol will replace, as soon as possible, the Cherry that was planting in Spring but has bacterial cancer.

Mina Road Park:

The grass in Mina Road Park is looking great now and Pete Clarke's been doing a good job.

The park's being really well used.

The stream doesn't look very clear and is quite dry/low.

St Werburghs Park:

The grass has been cut.

There was some rubble and a bin near the back of the houses, which Miles Harris, Engagement Officer, resolved.

Other green areas:

The verge opposite the Victoria Pub on James Street has been cut.

The grass has also been cut by Gatton Road, but looks rough.

Any other business:

At the last Neighbourhood Forum meeting, Hugh asked why, in contrast to other Neighbourhood Partnerships, a green sub-group has not been built into the new structures.

An association of park groups in the Neighbourhood Forum area has also been floated and MRPG supports this. However it's not clear whether there are active partner park groups to work with at the moment: St Pauls and Albany Green no longer have groups; and Montpelier has just changed officers so we don't know if they're still as active.

Hugh met Tracey Morgan and Gary Hopkins to discuss concerns about the potentially slow, unclear and bureaucratic processes (linked to both AGSP priorities and Neighbourhood Partnerships) that parks groups now encounter in initiating, or raising funds for, any projects. Concerns were initially sparked when MRPG made provisional enquiries with Bristol City Council about submitting an application to the SITA Trust for a very small grant to replace a piece of old play equipment in Ashley Street Park. It was confirmed that the process would be simplified and that park groups can consult the council direct. For further information, see the Bristol Parks Forum (www.bristolparksforum.co.uk)

Re: MRPG's application for tree-planting in St Werburghs earlier this year, the Big Tree Plant has been submitted by Bristol to Defra and the outcome should be known soon.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 8th November 2011, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.