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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 11th September 2012,
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Iris Bolster, Suzanna van Moyland.

Apologies: Mary Montgomery, Ann Devereaux, Liz Osborn, Jerome Edwards, Ivy Bolt, John Stone.

Mina Road Park

BCC's Richard Fletcher emailed Hugh to say he's organised both the replacement Wildlife Board and the Community Noticeboard. As well as having the new Clean & Green funded Community Noticeboard installed, he has kindly offered to move the existing one to a more visible spot. MRPG recommends one at the cross-paths near the entrance to the play area and the other at the Rosebery Avenue entrance. The Community Noticeboards open with a simple allen key. Suzanna will be key holder and is happy to be contacted on 0117 955 9378 if anyone needs it to use the noticeboards.

- Hugh to arrange via Richard Fletcher to meet the contractors about the Community Noticeboards and show them exactly where to put them.
- Suzanna to let the Community Centre and SWNA know about the allen key.

Hugh made further enquiries about the stream grill. The Landscape Group are clearing it every Tuesday.

The Himalayan Balsam was sprayed last week and BCC will be chasing up about the Japanese Knotweed.

Because of the pollution incident to the stream in March, BCC's Environment Department were 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.

On 14th June, Hugh emailed Matthew Sands about the collapsed culvert at the bottom of Church path that runs under St Werburghs Road.

- Hugh to follow up with Matthew Sands whether urgent remedial action is needed to repair the culvert.

Ashley Street Park

Hugh got a call from Pete Clarke of BCC to say that the picnic bench will be arriving shortly, which is great news, and they'll be arranging a time to meet on site to discuss where it will go.

Last year, Ashley Street Park sadly lost the old rowan tree.

- Hugh to get in touch with Tree Bristol to ask if they can plant a replacement rowan.

Other Green Spaces

Gatton Road is still a mess.

MRPG also discussed the verge opposite The Better Food Company, which is in disarray.

Any Other Business

Picnic in the Park was once again a great success, with enormous community spirit. It was beautifully organised by Goska Ong, Jenna Graves and the Community Centre, and MRPG was delighted to help. Mina Road Park looked great. Particular thanks to: The Landscape Group for being so responsive and tidying the park before the event; the Council for providing additional rubbish bins; and to Roland for ferrying everything in his van between the park and community centre. MRPG also noted the excellent community policing.

- Suzanna will email Goska with some additional ideas and suggestions for next year that were discussed.

Love Parks Week was discussed.

Roland proposed doing a walkabout soon.

- Walkabout date to be arranged at next meeting.

It's the St Werburghs Arts Trail the weekend of 29th and 30th September.

Next Meeting Tuesday 9th October 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.