



*Mina  
Road  
Park  
Group*

MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting and AGM on Tuesday 12th June 2012,  
Parkway Methodist Church

**Present:** Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Jerome Edwards, Mary Montgomery, Iris Bolster, Liz Osborn, Ann Devereaux, Suzanna van Moyland, Constable Chris Adams (Beat Manager).

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

### **Mina Road Park**

MRPG thanked Constable Chris Adams for coming, and discussed a couple of incidents in Mina Road Park and the general atmosphere there, particularly with increased use in the sunny weather.

The grass still hadn't been cut and weeds were flourishing. (Even if grass can't be cut in rain, it can be strimmed or weeded - and the same neglect had occurred for the last three Springs when it was dry.) On 18<sup>th</sup> May, Hugh made an official complaint to BCC, copied to local councillors, about poor maintenance by The Landscape Group of all three parks and the verges in St Werburghs, which was officially acknowledged by Richard Stransom, Parks Grounds Maintenance. Hugh and Roland, via Bristol Parks Forum, met with BCC's Tracey Morgan, Service Director of Environment & Leisure and Richard Stransom, who said they would meet with the Landscape Group. Hugh noted that other green spaces and verges in Ashley were also neglected. When the grass was cut in Mina Road Park the following week, it was done badly and not strimmed at the edges, which Hugh also liaised with Parks about. It was tidied the following week. Upkeep of the parks and verges is core to respect of public areas and neglect leads to increased litter, dog mess, etc.

There are two separate noticeboard issues, which are being followed up by Richard Fletcher, Neighbourhood Engagement Manger:

- i) The replacement Wildlife Noticeboard near the stream.
  - Liz will ask Alison Roberts of the Community Centre to send her the old graphics file and forward it, perhaps converted, to Richard Fletcher.
- ii) The forthcoming Community Noticeboard, funded last year by Clean & Green via the Neighbourhood Partnership, which will be put up near the cross-paths.
  - Hugh will follow up and find out who is putting it up.

Where the stream goes into St Werburghs Road, the culvert is collapsing.

- Hugh to contact Matthew Sands, Environment Adviser at BCC.

### **Ashley Street Park**

There is still no news from Bristol City Council re: the free picnic bench initially offered by Jane's Pond Ltd on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

- Suzanna left a phone message with Jane's Ponds and will give them another call, to ask them whether they still have any benches to donate.

There is epicormic growth (shoots from lower tree bark) on the bird cherries.

- Hugh will email Parks.

### **Other Green Spaces**

A tree has died in Gatton Road.

- Hugh will report this.

### **Any Other Business**

We have a new Park Keeper – Mike. Previous Park Keeper Sally has left and we would like to thank her for her hard work.

Suzanna checked about the small fund for green projects mentioned at the Neighbourhood Forum meeting. Dianne Dodd explained that it was only £500 this year for the whole of Ashley, because the area had received significant funding last year by Clean & Green.

Hugh flagged up that BCC Cabinet will be discussing the 2012/13 £3.5 million capital investment programme for Bristol's parks on 4<sup>th</sup> July.



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### **AGM**

Election of Officers. Nominations were received for:

Chair — Hugh Holden

Vice Chair — Roland Bruce

Treasurer — Jerome Edwards

Secretary — Suzanna van Moyland

All were re-elected unopposed.

**Next Meeting**      Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.