



Mina
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Group

MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 14th March 2012,
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Ivy Bolt, Iris Bolster, Mary Montgomery, Anne Devereaux, John Stone, Greg Eynon, Harry McPhillimy, Suzanna van Moyland.

Apologies: Liz Osborn, Jerome Edwards, Carolyn Picton, Sally Seddon.

Matters Arising:

Re: the funding from Clean & Green for another Noticeboard in Mina Road Park, Greg reported that it should take 4-6 weeks. Green was the colour selected.

Re: the replacement Wildlife Board in Mina Road Park, Goska from the Community Centre has found the old graphics and Hugh has forwarded this to Miles Harris (BCC Park Operations).

Re: the generously donated picnic bench for Ashley Street Park, Hugh talked to Richard Stransom and underlined the risk that if it's not resolved quickly, the opportunity may be lost. A letter is needed from the Parks Department to MRPG saying that they will accept the bench.

- Greg will follow this up.
- Hugh will send bench details to Andy Fargo.

Main Business:

Mina Road Park:

The stream in Mina Road Park has been polluted by sewage. Earlier last week it was a bit murky. On Friday 9th afternoon John noticed that sewage fungus and a layer of algae had formed, and reported it to the Environment Agency straight away. Hugh left a voicemail about the incident with Miles Harris on Friday afternoon, tried again on Monday and then got in touch with others in the Parks Department. Yesterday the stream was a pea-soup colour and smelled. The sticklebacks, shrimp and invertebrates have been killed. The impact on the River Frome and Church Park is unknown. Bristol Water states that the pollution occurred from a sewage leak in the Muller Road area which has now been repaired. However John noted that the stream there was clear. The Environment Agency has classified it as a Class 3 pollution incident apparently without assessment. A sample has been mentioned, but it's not clear who took it or what the results are. Moreover re-stocking of the fish has not been required.

- Greg will phone the Environment Agency.

MRPG:

- (1) is deeply concerned that four days after the event, no one from the Environment Agency has come out to inspect the problem;
- (2) needs to know when the Environment Agency will be visiting;
- (3) requests information about the sample taken, who took it and who will get the results;
- (4) seeks assurance that the right steps are taken to avoid such an incident happening again; and
- (5) feels strongly that Wessex Water should be responsible for re-stocking the fish.

St Werburghs Park

Roland reported that the integrated pulley mechanism on the new gate in St Werburghs has broken.

- Greg will report this.

Ashley Street Park

MRPG will arrange a replacement Rowan to be planted in the Autumn.

- Suzanna to organise.

There was a discussion about surveying the bats in the park. Thanks to Harry for his help and advice with this. He has a detector and may be able to borrow more. John noted that if bats are roosting at the Brooks site, it is of concern that the tiles are being removed from the roofs there.

- Suzanna will get in touch with the Avon Group.



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Any Other Business:

MRPG's pleased that Sally, our Park Keeper, is back. Roland and Sally discussed not mulching the back border because of the new planting there.

Re: the need for a fence between Church Field and Narrowways, Harry raised with Greg whether it would be possible to obtain S106 funds. As match-funding is already in place, the cost would be a modest £300.

- Harry will email Greg the details and copy both councillors in.

Re: the development of an Environmental Sub-Group for the Neighbourhood Partnership area, Roland has begun liaising with other interested environmental groups and is initially establishing an email dialogue. He has also emailed Jon Rogers.

Suzanna updated MRPG on SWNA's new structure, meetings and activities.

Members of MRPG will be doing some more planting on Sunday 18th at 11am in Mina Road Park.

Harry and Suzanna liaised about how to keep MRPG's news updated on the St Werburghs website.

- Suzanna will get in touch with Guy Forster about placing info straight on the website.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th April 2012, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.