



Mina
Road
Park
Group

MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 14th February 2013
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Roland Bruce, Iris Bolster, Liz Osborn, Mary Montgomery, Suzanna van Moyland.

Apologies: Hugh Holden, Jerome Edwards, Ann Devereaux, Ivy Bolt, John Stone.

Mina Road Park

The results of BCC's environment sampling and biological data, following the stream pollution incident last Spring, were due to be collated and calculated by the end of January.

- ◆ Hugh or Suzanna to follow up with Tanya Saker of BCC's Environment Department re: both the sampling and biological data – to determine how well the brook has recovered and whether the sticklebacks and invertebrates have come back.

St Werburghs Park

There was rubbish in the undergrowth behind the houses in November, which MRPG included in its November walkabout report. There was some rubbish in December when Liz checked, and this was also reported to the council by another park user.

- ◆ Liz will check to see if it's been cleared.

Other Green Spaces

Hugh got an email from Matthew Sugden at BCC about the collapsed culvert in need of urgent repair at the bottom of Church path (that runs under St Werburghs Road). The Environment Agency has written to the landowner but not yet received a reply. They intend to write once more, then begin formal action to get repairs to the wall carried out.

Any Other Business

Roland noted that the idea has been raised for an Ashley Vale Group of St Werburghs umbrella green space groups, which could include Narrowways, Ashley Vale Allotments Group, MRPG and others. The supergroup might address common issues, share expertise, and highlight the value of the green spaces in St Werburghs.

Roland noted that the MRPG page on the stwerburghs.org website needs updating a bit.

- ◆ Suzanna to do.

A new Area Environment Officer has been appointed and should be in place in March. Clare Black is covering in the interim.

Roland flagged up the National Mammal Atlas Project, where people can submit records to increase understanding of mammal distribution in the British Isles. For further info, go to <http://www.mammal.org.uk>

There's a Bristol-wide consultation survey about Neighbourhood Partnerships at:
<http://www.bristol.gov.uk/npask>

Suzanna flagged up the SWNA AGM on Wednesday 6th March, 7pm at the Community Centre - All welcome. SWNA is also seeking a new Secretary. Details on the stwerburghs.org website Jobs & Opportunities section.

Neighbourhood Forum and Partnership dates:

- Neighbourhood Forum Special Meeting 28th February, 6:30pm at the St Paul's Learning Centre.
- Neighbourhood Partnership Meeting 12th March.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 12th March 2013, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church.

(Note - this clashes with the Neighbourhood Partnership meeting)

(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.)