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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 21st May 2013
Parkway Methodist Church

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

Apologies: Ivy Bolt, Liz Osborn, Ann Devereaux, John Stone.

All Areas

On 15th May, Hugh emailed The Landscape Group, cced to Parks, to complain about the lack of grass cutting and unchecked weeds in Ashley Street Park, Penfield Road Open Space, Gatton Road, James Street and Mina Road Park (This has happened every Spring.) It has since been addressed.

Mina Road Park

The stream has been polluted again. John Stone was first to flag this up.

- ◆ Hugh will follow up on this with the Environment Agency.
- ◆ Then Suzanna will ask Matt Sudgeon and Tanya Saker of the Council's Environment Dept exactly what type of pollution occurred both last year and this year.

When Tanya Saker had emailed Suzanna on 8th April, she said that their sampling does not include monitoring of sticklebacks. The sticklebacks died in the last pollution incident.

A fly poster has been glued to the Grade II listed urinals and normal removal will pull the paint off.

- ◆ Suzanna will report it to the graffiti hotline in first instance, as they might have specialist solvents to remove it without damaging the paint work. If this isn't possible, MRPG will talk to AEO Tom Penn about it.

The grill has not been cleared regularly.

Other Green Spaces

Gatton Road has been particularly badly maintained recently and was a disgrace. Hugh complained to The Landscape Group and it has since been done.

There's been no update about future plans for tree planting in Bristol.

MRPG gave approval for Hugh to write a letter of support for The Lynmouth Road Allotment Group community campaign, to state firm opposition to the land going to development.

Any Other Business

As there is some remaining S106 money available for green spaces in the NP area. MRPG has identified three useful spends, with particular consideration of the forthcoming budget constraints for parks:

- (1) Replace the bin in Mina Road Park (burnt earlier this year)
- (2) Replace the benches in Mina Road Park with solid metal ones. (The current ones are a terrible design – thin wooden slats that break constantly, need high maintenance and treating of the wood, and are very uncomfortable). Metal benches are very robust, low maintenance, more comfortable and keep cleaner – and as the hard-standing is already in place, this will not be very expensive to do. The solid, long all-wood backless bench in Ashley Street Park is also robust, comfortable and looks good.
- (3) Picnic benches in Mina Road Park, of the same fantastic, robust design as the one in Ashley Street Park.

St Werburghs was awarded Bristol's Most Nature-Friendly Neighbourhood at a Conservation Heroes event at Bristol Zoo in May.

Matters to follow up:

- ◆ Hugh will forward last month's MRPG walkabout notes and actions to new Area Environment Officer Tom Penn, cced to Miles Harris.
- ◆ Suzanna and Hugh to draft document about the problems with planters.
- ◆ Hugh will contact Parks about making the two community noticeboards in Mina Road Park openable.

Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th June 2013, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church.

(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.)