



*Mina
Road
Park
Group*

MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Walkabout of Parks and Green Spaces in St Werburghs
11th November 2012,

Present: Hugh Holden, Ivy Bolt, Iris Bolster, Ann Devereaux, Mary Montgomery, Suzanna van Moyland.
Apologies: Roland Bruce.

1. Mina Road Park

Overview – upkeep's good and park looks good.

- Grass is okay (cutting would have churned up the carpet of leaves).
- Bins have been emptied regularly.
- Broken bench on island has been swiftly repaired.
- Grill has been cleared, but backs up quickly with leaves at this time of year. Currently wood, probably broken fence, caught in the grill. MRPG learned that a garage in Rosebery Avenue had flooded on 4th November and was reported to the Environment Agency.
- Recently burned bin was removed quickly, and awaiting replacement.
- Tagging on wildlife board at Rosebery Avenue entrance has been cleaned off.

2. Ashley Street Park

Overview – upkeep's good and park looks good.

- Weeding and de-bind-weeding was done recently.
- Picnic bench is great and being used even in the chillier weather.
- Grass has been far too long at times over the summer, but done fairly recently and is looking healthy.
- As planned, bird cherries in the play area overhanging the avenue or too near buildings have had a crown-lift, epicormic growth has been addressed and the rotten one has been felled. It looks tidier and lighter now.

3. Magdalene Place

Overview – ongoing problem of dumping, litter and neglect.

- Last month, building waste had been dumped at the Brooks entrance. *(Since cleared)*
- Unfortunately dumping of mattresses and beds has since taken place in the verge and near the entrance. *(Since cleared)*

4. Verge opposite Better Food Co

Overview – terrible: plants/weeds have clearly not been attended to for a season.

- Enormous overgrown brambles have covered and smothered the cotoneaster and other evergreens.
- Strewn with rubbish from a house, now with new residents and is being sorted. *(Since cleared)*
- More generic rubbish, such as bicycle tyres.
- Broken rail.

Verge on York Street southside

5. Overview – lack of general maintenance.

- Weeds and bind-weed.
- Grass has been cut.
- Area around palm trees needs grassing over.
- Cordylines that died off a couple of winters ago have sprouted again.
Recommendation: cut off the dead trunks above the new growth.

6. Verge on James Street northside

Overview – ongoing litter.

- Litter.
- Over the years, the pattern of maintenance has been a ruthless cutback late autumn, exposing litter and rubbish which is then not cleared. The trees and shrubs behind the verge are well and an asset to the appearance of the street.
Recommendation 1) trim only where it's obstructing the pavement and then in Spring maintain sensitively.
Recommendation 2) use the natural die-back over winter to clear the litter.

p.t.o. for St Werburghs Park, Gatton Road and Penfield Rd Open Space...



Mina
Road
Park
Group

MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Walkabout of Parks and Green Spaces in St Werburghs
11th November 2012,

7. St Werburghs Park

Overview – okay, but not great.

- Grass is longer and will need cutting soon. (Like Ashley Street Park, it suits the space and usage levels for it not to be cut as regularly as Mina Road Park. However if it gets too long, dog fouling increases, and it gets chewed and leaves clumps when cut.)
- Dangerous hole in grass, with bricks in it (located in park area outside of the children's area but level with the springy play bikes – needs filling.
- Rubbish in undergrowth behind the houses, e.g. garden waste, old barbecue, dumped stereo, broken glass.
- Strimming is needed along the metal fence.

8. Gatton Road Verge and Triangle

Overview – derelict in appearance: plants/weeds have clearly not been attended to since early this year.

- Weeds and bind-weed throttling the shrubs on this newly re-planted verge.
- The newly planted tree on the triangle has died.

9. Penfield Road Open Space

Overview – okay, but not great.

- Grass needs cutting.
- Some weeding needed at the back.