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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 10th May 2011,
Parkway Methodist Church

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

Apologies: Ivy Bolt, Rod Collier, Anne Devereaux, Liz Osborn, Carolyn Picton

Matters Arising:

Hugh has emailed the agreed list of opportunities for tree planting to Tree Bristol. The potential spot outside A&M Motors on York Street has already been included in a proposal submitted by Transition Montpelier. Hugh has liaised with them and they fed back with a contact for Ashley Trading Estate also keen for trees.

Hugh got in touch with John Knowlson re: the play mats in Ashley Street Park, who will see to it. The new knee rail will also be painted.

Hugh emailed Paul James and Teija Ahjokoski with MRPG feedback and proposed changes to their horticultural improvement suggestions in Mina Road Park.

Main Business:

St Werburghs Park:

The rubbish has been cleared, but nettles and brambles are coming up.

The grass is bad and weedy, fostered by lack of rain.

MRPG was pleased that trees were watered by the Arboricultural Section of BCC.

Ashley Street Park:

There's an increasing amount of bind weed.

Russell Hosey of BCC's Arboricultural Section will grind out the stump to prevent risk of honey fungus.

Mina Road Park:

Local residents have raised the issue of loud amplified music in the park becoming an issue this year. Hugh has liaised with BCC about this and BCC will be putting up signs at the entrances. Amplified music is a Police and Neighbourhood Forum matter, and if there's potential for it to arise linked to spill-over from a specific event, the event should liaise with the police in advance.

Roland and Hugh picked out the Himalayan Balsam from the lower end of the stream before Easter. Anne and Mary also weeded and picked out Himalayan Balsam around the reed bed and island over two days.

There is Japanese Knot Weed on the wall again and Bind Weed in the park. The grass is bad and weedy, fostered by lack of rain. There's also a broken bin. The bins have been emptied and the grill cleared. However generally MRPG noted a lack of horticultural maintenance.

4th September Event in Mina Road Park

In response to Goska's request for ideas for music, MRPG has come up with a list of suggestions: the Sisters of Swing, the Ambling Band, the Salvation Army Band and Bill Guilding.

MRPG members will be happy to lend a hand.

- Suzanna to email Goska about the above and invite her to the MRPG July meeting to discuss further.

The New Park Keeper

New Park Keeper Sally Knowles will be invited to the next meeting.

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MRPG will apply to the Neighbourhood Partnership Wellbeing Grant scheme for much-needed Noticeboards at and near park entrances in St Werburghs for community and public notices and information.

- Hugh, Roland and Suzanna to do this week, before 13th May deadline.

Next Meeting

AGM, Tuesday 14th June 2011, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.