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Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 16th August 2011,
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Jerome Edwards, Mary Montgomery, Suzanna van Moyland,
Apologies: Ivy Bolt, Iris Bolster, Anne Devereaux, Liz Osborn, Rod Collier, Sally Seddon, Carolyn Picton

Matters Arising:

Re: MRPG's application for much-needed Noticeboards in and around the parks, Suzanna emailed Penny Germon to initiate consideration of funding via Clean & Green.

Main Business:

St Werburghs Park:

The grass hadn't been cut in St Werburghs Park or verges in James Street and Mina Road, so Hugh emailed Pete Clarke. When done it was a mess, Hugh reported this, and it will be done again on Friday. Two cuts have been missed, so that when it is done, it damages the grass and makes a mess. And there's been no strimming.

Ashley Street Park:

The rails still haven't been painted.

Mina Road Park:

English Landscapes are aware that the bridge needs repairing.

Miles Harris emailed Hugh because a resident has suggested to BCC that a Table Tennis table be installed in Mina Road Park. MRPG is in favour, but would need to consider where best it could be positioned. This and other matters have highlighted confusion as to what the process now is for such initiatives — and with the Area Green Space (AGSP) Criteria, the Neighbourhood Forum and the Neighbourhood Partnership, there are potentially too many lengthy bureaucratic hoops for relatively small initiatives such as this one (see below in AOB).

Party in the Park:

MRPG discussed arrangements for 'Party in the Park' on 4th September. Roland, Anne, Hugh, Liz, Jerome, Mary and Suzanna are distributing flyers and displaying posters.

Iris, Hugh, Suzanna and Mary have volunteered to set up, clear away and steward, and Hugh has offered to use his truck to take equipment from the community centre to the park and back.

Hugh has emailed Miles re: extra bins and litter pickers for the volunteers, requested that the grass be cut before the event and asked him to let the contractors know that more clear-up may be needed after. He has also discussed the event with Sally Knowles, our Park Keeper, who will also help tidy afterwards.

- Suzanna to email Goska to check if there's a pre-meeting to co-ordinate the volunteers, and check whether she has sourced power for the event.

Any other business:

MRPG is unhappy about the potentially inhibiting effect of the AGSP Plan and Neighbourhood Partnership structure, and concerned about duplication. We believe that the new structures could be a serious blow to the independence of community groups.

Other matters discussed were: the disarray of the verge opposite the Proving House on Sevier Street; and progress re: MRPG's sites for possible tree-planting via Tree Bristol.

On 11th August, Roland and Suzanna met with Diane Dodd of St Paul's Neighbourhood Management, which supports the Neighbourhood Partnership, to map out with her the green spaces in St Werburghs that MRPG covers.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th September 2011, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church (back to the usual second Tuesday of the month.) All welcome.