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MINA ROAD PARK GROUP

Minutes of meeting on Tuesday 8th March 2011,
Parkway Methodist Church

Present: Hugh Holden, Roland Bruce, Rod Collier, Suzanna van Moyland, Iris Bolster, Liz Osborn.

Apologies: Ivy Bolt

Matters Arising:

The date for the festival in Mina Road Park, organised by Goska Ong from St Werburghs Community Centre, is Saturday 3rd September.

Ashley Street Park Tree Planting Event

The group was very impressed by Tree Bristol, who arranged the planting of three trees in Ashley Street Park on Saturday 5th March (a cedar, a silver birch and a cherry). Members of the park group lent a hand. Josie and Beth of Tree Bristol were extremely helpful, and Hugh has emailed to thank Tree Bristol.

However the group felt badly let down by Wild About St Werburghs over the tree-planting event. Wild About St Werburghs had committed to distributing flyers to homes in the area and to publicising the event, but little was done and turnout was very low as people living nearby didn't know about it. This was a lost opportunity to involve local residents in the planting, as well as a lost opportunity to engage with another community group.

- MRPG Secretary will draft a letter to Wild About St Werburghs.

Main Business:

St Werburghs Park: Refurbishment Work

The group feels that there has been a lack of on-site management by Contract Services. Only the front fence and path have been done. Other actions agreed but still to be done are: clearing the rubbish, raking out and filling in holes so that they can mow, putting soil around the bench and putting the gate into the play area round the right way. These need to be done promptly before birds start to nest. Although there is still work outstanding, it is an improvement and there has been positive feedback. The bench on the mound is a success and it is more secure for dogs and children.

- Hugh will email Pete Clark about the outstanding work.

Ashley Street Park

A new metal knee rail has been put in around the play area, which is a great improvement.

Tree Bristol will be returning to widen out the protective wire and posts around the newly planted cedar.

James Street verge and hedgerow has been cut back. However the litter has yet to be removed.

- Liz will email about this.

Tree Planting Opportunity: The Big Tree Plant

Following the walkabout where members of the group identified possible sites for tree planting, Suzanna has done some cross-referencing between the group's list and BCC's map/list of potential sites. BCC's map and list was only a representative square of St Werburghs, while the group's is all of St Werburghs.

- Suzanna will set a date for members of the group to draw up a draft shortlist, which will then be brought to the next meeting and mapped.

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Stoke Park is being taken into public ownership and there will be an event on 19th March to mark this.

The group said an enormous thank you to Iris, who is standing down as Secretary after 13 years (and to Martin Edwards for typing up the minutes after the meetings).

Next Meeting Tuesday 12th April 2011, 7.30pm, Parkway Methodist Church. All welcome.