

Friends of Sanders Park- (Community Group)

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 24th November 2009.

The meeting opened at 1815hrs

Attendees:

Jackie Boreham BDC – Parks and Community Services Officer
Jeff Sharp BDC – Play Area Inspector
Joanne Hall BDC – Allotment Officer
Chris Santoriello- Smith BDC Community Safety Partnership
Mel Plenty
Colin Plenty
Mike Chinner
Sue Chinner
J Edington

Apologies:

D Jennings

Welcome

J.S. welcomed everyone to the meeting and a quick intro of Officers.

Anti Social Behaviour issues

C.S.S gave a brief overview of what Bromsgrove Community Safety Partnership does.

It was highlighted that there is a large amount of bottle throwing taking place around Spadesbourne walk to Brook Road. When walking your dog it is a hazard due to the volume of broken glass. This has also been identified at the local PACT meeting. There are also small fires being lit around the St Johns area of the park. JB will investigate and make sure that park staff are reporting this to the Police.

Contact details:

Chris Santoriello – Smith (Senior Community Safety Project Officer)
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Chris Santoriello- Smith left 1845hrs

Bonfire Night feedback

JB feed back to group on the Councils prospective on the event and that we are very pleased with how this event went. A question was raised about the costs and JB advised that Huw Moseley would be present at the next meeting to answer these points.

The damage to the park following the bonfire is in the process of being repaired. It was commented on that some of the music is still loud possible the fair/ electronics. This will be fed back to Huw Moseley.

Allotments

Following the last meeting the question was asked if Officers could investigate two options for the allotment extension. This would be the Millennium wood area and the area opposite the smallholding.

Quotes for the extension have been received and the Millennium wood area is too expensive to go ahead with as it will cost £10,000.00 more than the area by the smallholding.

Joanne Hall the allotments Officer has therefore put a Capital bid forward to extend the area by the smallholding. We are awaiting members feed back regarding these proposals.

Watt Close Bridge

JB feedback about progress of the bridge replacement. The Approval in Principal document is currently with the Environment Agency. It was asked how the Council will pay for the Bridge? The cost will be met between Worcestershire County Council and the Bromsgrove District Council and some capital funds have been allocated last year.

Restoration of Battlefield Brook

A 50 meter trial section of the concrete brook has now been removed and the area is being left to naturalise and the impact will be assessed over the next 12 months. JB is looking at opportunities for further funding to remove more of the concrete to naturalise the brook course and enhance wildlife.

Water vole

Water vole habitat works are being carried out along the brook course with the placement of old felled pine logs along key points at the sides of the brook to deter heavy footfall along the planted sections of the course which may damage the recent planting scheme.

Café

Apologies were given of the café being closed currently due to the procurement process for the renewal of the contract. The expressions of interest have been on the website for the new contract and we are now waiting for finance to check the pre-qualification questionnaire. We hope that the café will be up and running by Spring 2010.

Tree Planting

BBC world record attempt. This will take place on the 5th December between 11am- 12pm. We are proposing to plant 215 trees. We are asking for any

volunteers to arrive at the park at 10.30am. There are logs that have been placed along the brookcourse in the park to protect the habitat and this will be the area where tree planting will take place.

AOB

AOB will be removed after this meeting. We would ask that any question that wished to be raised are done some in advance of the meeting. We would ask that all questions are with JB 7 days before the meeting. The minutes and agenda will be sent out prior to the meeting. The meeting closed at 1920 hrs.

Date of next meeting:
Tuesday 9th February 2010