

SANDBACH PARK STEERING GROUP

DATE: 9th January 2017

DURATION: 10.00am to 11.30am

VENUE: SANDBACH ENTERPRISE CENTRE

ATTENDANCE: Dot Flint – Sandbach Partnership Chair (DF), Mike Benson – Friends Sandbach Park (MB) Sue Brereton – Sandbach Partnership (SB), Gill Merry – Friends of Elworth Park (GM), Sam Corcoran – Sandbach Town Council (SC) Elaine Webster – ANSA (EW). George Broughton – CEC (GB).

Item	Agenda Item/Discussion	Action/Comment
1.	Apologies	None
2.	Minutes of the Previous Meeting Matters Arising	Accepted
3.	Green Flag 2017 The formal application must be submitted by 31 st January 2017, a working group will meet on Monday 16 th January to update the current Management Plan prior to submission.	Working group: MB, DF, SB, EW.
4.	Project 2017 DF reported that the paths project has been deferred whilst funding is being sought, as the redevelopment of the path from the MUGA to the pond is a bigger project than the group envisaged. Improvements to the pathway that runs along the bottom end of park between Dingle lane and Addlington Drive have been completed. The group agreed that the redevelopment of the path leading down to the pond from the MUGA and the surrounding area will be the main project for 2017. The Partnership will commission the project to be scoped and costed to ascertain the overall cost of the project prior to funding being secured. SC and MB agreed that the Town Council hold 35k in reserves for Sandbach Park redevelopment.	
5.	Wild Flower Area The area chosen for a wild flower area is the wet scrape running adjacent to the new path along by the pond. FOSP and Offley Primary School would like to help with the project. The Partnership will get some designs and costs for this, however it is a long-term project. George Hill will be consulted regarding the project as he keeps a data base of species in the park.	

6.	<p>Telephone Kiosk DF reported that the Kiosk will be installed in the park early March, the Fire Cadets have agreed to refurbish it, then a community consultation will be carried out to decide how to use it.</p>	
7.	<p>FOSP Update FOSP AGM has been planned for Monday 9th January 2017 and the Fund Raiser Quiz Night is Friday 13th January.</p> <p>MB reported that FOSP have made an excellent job of clearing the pond out in December, thanks to all who helped.</p> <p>MB that the park is looking great and the FOSP are looking forward to a proactive year ahead.</p>	
6.	<p>A.O.B SC reported that the local person willing to look after a bee hive was still interested, DF agreed to research the project.</p> <p>SC suggested a Trim Trail in the park, it was decided that the park was too small and it would be better to make additions to the Outdoor Gym equipment.</p>	DF agreed to get some expert advice.
7.	Date of Next Meeting	Monday 20th March 10am Sandbach Enterprise Centre