



SANDBACH PARK STEERING GROUP

DATE: 21st September 2015

DURATION: 10am to 12pm

VENUE: SANDBACH ENTERPRISE CENTRE

ATTENDANCE: Dot Flint – Sandbach Partnership Chair (DF); Di Owen – ANSA (DO) Gill Merry – Friends of Elworth Park (GM), Mike Benson – Friends Sandbach Park (MB) Sam Corcoran – Sandbach Town Council (SC).

| Item | Agenda Item/Discussion | Action/Comment |
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| 1. | Apologies | Sue Brereton, George Broughton |
| 2. | Minutes of the Previous Meeting Matters Arising | Accepted None |
| 3. | Green Flag Award Inspection DF thanked the group for all their hard work over the last few years, this work and dedication to creating a exciting family orientated park has been instrumental in the park achieving Green Flag Status. The report from Green Flag will be out in October, this will identify work and maintenance which will need to be in the action planning for the park for 2016. | |
| 4. | Park Toilets The park toilets on inspection are looking cleaner, a bin is required in the ladies toilets and the opening times of the disabled toilet need to be checked. | DO agreed to look into this matter. |
| 5. | Pond Dipping – Education Programme. The Partnership are consulting with the Schools and FOSP to develop a pond dipping programme for next year. The pond needs to be protected because over dipping will lead to the loss of certain species. | |
| 6. | All Parks and Play Areas Report DF reported that there was a public meeting at Wheelock on the 29 th September and she will report back at the next meeting. DO Has had a meeting with Cllr Gail Wait scheduled SC requested a written response from George Broughton to confirm what can/cannot happen at Sandbach Heath Play Area. | Do to meet with GB to discuss |

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| | <p>SC suggested a phased approach would be best and requested this to be priced up. DO agreed, but stated this was a large piece of work and would take some time especially as she is doing a 3 day week during October, 2 days of which are short therefore couldn't address immediately.</p> <p>DF asked if a "Friends" group had formed. SC stated that the group was part of Sandbach Heath Neighbourhood Form. DF suggested it would be better to have a focussed group and that a "Friends" group be formed.</p> <p>SC reported that the barrier has been installed at the Mortimer Drive Play Area entrance.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Boules and Table Tennis Facilities</p> <p>It has been reported that the Table Tennis facility is being used on a regular basis and the U3A are using the Boules facility in Friday mornings.</p> <p>The Partnership working with other stakeholders would like to run a summer programme of activities in the park during the August holidays.</p> <p>Soil has washed down onto pitch on side nearest the MUGA needs clearing with seed/turf to rectify.</p> | DO to report to Graham Burgess. |
| 8. | <p>FOSP Update</p> <p>MB reported that the beds by the Flag pole are ready for planting.</p> <p>The next FOSP working day has been planned for Saturday 10th October.</p> <p>The raised bed in the sensory garden is looking great after its repairs,</p> <p>The funding for the paths needs to be spent by November 2015.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>A.O.B</p> <p>Shelly Fabrizio had donated £100 from the play day which will be spent on plaque to identify the plants in the raised bed. Thanks from the group were given.</p> <p>SC stated he had found an adult and child swing and asked if one could be accommodated in Sandbach Park.</p> <p>GM raised concerns that nothing was being done with regards to a skate facility for Sandbach. All agreed there was no room in Sandbach Park, Wheelock Playing fields were rejected by residents so Newall Avenue would be investigated.</p> <p>MB asked when will the fencing be done down Dingle Lane.</p> <p>DO stated there maybe funds for Way markers in Sandbach Park.</p> | <p>DO to get costs.</p> <p>DO to get costs for half pipe.</p> <p>DO to investigate.</p> <p>DO to check with Kathy Cornford.</p> |

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| | <p>SC suggested a gate could be put on the toddler play area to stop young children running out of the area. DF stated that parents must take responsibility for their children. DF continued that a gate could not be installed as the gate couldn't open onto the path and there was a increase in ground levels so could not open into the play area. DO also added that this would be a barrier for parents with children of different ages using both the toddler and junior play area.</p> | |
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