



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012  
6:00-7:00 pm  
Blue Bell Inn, Hurcott Road, Kidderminster

### Minutes

#### Attendees:

Marilyn Harper (MH)	Local Resident
Spike (S)	Local Resident
Sam Roberts (SR)	Local Resident
Liz Hatch	Local Resident
Lesley Hatch	Local Resident
Jordan Farnell (JR)	Vestia
Tim Hollis	Tennis Club

#### Apologies:

Sue MacTaggart (Chair) (SM)	Local Resident
Carina Johnstone (CJ)	Local Resident
PCSO Rachel Harrison (RH)	West Mercia Police
Cllr Howard Martin	District Councillor
Alan Breen	WFDC
Cllr Mumshad Ahmed (MA)	District & County Councillor
Dave Sadler	Tennis Club

## 1.0 Welcome & Introductions

1.1 JF welcomed everyone and gave apologies.

## 2.0 Previous Meeting & Actions

2.1 JF informed the group that after speaking to Chris Tudor, Civil Enforcement Officer for the District Council, he would be happy to help in a targeted Dog Fouling Campaign. JF has asked the group to provide him with days of the week and times when dog fouling occurs in the park.

2.2 JF provided the group with both anti-dog fouling posters and civil enforcement fine stickers to be put up around the park to deter people from both littering and allowing their dog to foul. Group agreed to put these up in the park.

2.3 JF fed back to the group about having a sculptor in Baxter Gardens as requested at the previous meeting. JF provided the group with the website details for Peter Leadbeater. JF informed the group that this is the same sculptor who did the two tree stump designs in St

George's Park which cost just under £340. Peter's website is [www.peterleadbeater.com](http://www.peterleadbeater.com)

#### 2.4 JF fed back to the group on the questions raised for Alan Breen at the previous meeting. The questions and answers are as follows:

How does the S106 money work? What sort of access will the group have to it? How is it decided to spend this money? Are there any current proposals?

The monies are held by WFDC and need to be spent by Parks, the group would not have direct access to the monies but we can agree with the group what to spend the monies on, we briefly discussed at a previous meeting about tarmac the paths?

The group have asked if it is possible to formulate a type of architects drawing based on what their ten year plan is for the park. Is this something the parks are able to do? The group hope to use this to raise funds.

Yes we can produce something like this but would take a little time due to current workload, is this something that the group need in the next 2-3 months or thinking later?

The group would also like an updated version of the 10 year plan for the park, do you have one?

I have got a copy of the ten year plan but it has'nt been updated I was under the impression the group were still consulting with the users on what else to add to the plan? If someone can provide me with the additional detail I can update?

The group have asked if they would be able to take charge of the shrub bed. And how they would go around doing this?

What shrub bed are the group referring to? We would not have any problems with the group maintaining a shrub bed but would ask that they do not start adding plants from their own gardens etc as this could create a problem for us. Weeding, edging, litter picking and so on are fine.

The group also expressed concerns that with the current works that have been conducted in the park, in their view, it appears to consist of removing things from the park and putting in new things in their stead... I am not sure if it is worth you attending the next meeting to answer some of these questions and put the group's minds at ease?

The works we have undertaken in the park to date are to improve the appearance of the park with a long term view of adding additional trees, plants and meadow style planting in the future it is about reducing maintenance and creating a more user friendly and sustainable park. It is always going to look like we are removing everything but we have a vision of how we would like the park to look (in consultation with the 'Friends of Baxter Gardens') and by looking at the overall landscape of the park we can achieve a space that the whole community will benefit from and have something for every age group within it.

#### 2.5 The group had the following comments to AB responses:

- Would it be possible to spend the S106 on just having the hard core path leading in from Baxter Road tarmac only and the rest to be put towards having a shelter in the park?
- The group have asked if they would be able to have an architectural drawing in the next 2 to 3 months? JF to pass on updated 10 year plan to AB.

- The group are hoping to take care of two shrub beds. These include the one on the side of Baxter Avenue and the one where the soak away has been located.
- The group have asked if the council have got any bulbs as this is what they would like to plant? JF to ask AB.

### **3.0 Jubilee Single Tree Planting**

**3.1** SR & S gave an update on the Hornbeam Tree that was planted in Baxter Gardens on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March. The event was in celebration of the Queens Diamond Jubilee and involved attendees from St Ambrose Catholic School, St Mary's Primary school, Mayor Cllr Anne Hingley and members of the FoBG and FoSG.

**3.2** SR stated that the day was good with nice weather, and the Mayor was very approachable and friendly. SR also stated that it was nice to have representatives from the two schools.

**3.3** Spike now has the photo's from the day and will send the relevant ones over to JF who will pass onto Justin Bryant and put onto the groups website.

### **4.0 Notice Board & Dog Poop Bag Dispenser**

**4.1** JF updated the group on the Notice Board and Dog poop dispenser indicating that the notice board has now been invoiced. The Dispenser has been slightly delayed due to the group need to agree on the sign that would be situated above it. This has now been approved and Alan Breen is in the process of ordering this.

### **5.0 Website**

**5.1** JF asked the group to update on the website. SR commented that the website is good and easy to use. JF asked the group to take a look and advise if they would like anything additional adding to it.

### **6.0 DEFRA's BIG Tree Plant Campaign**

**6.1** SR updated the group on the application that has now been put in for the DEFRA trees. SR has asked for 12 whips.

**6.2** SR also informed the group that the trees will not be available until Spring 2013.

**6.3** TH indicated that this is good news as if the Tennis Courts are extended there is a possibility that the park may lose a tree. However, this decision is not likely to come about for another 5 years.

### **7.0 Event: Jubilee Event – June**

**7.1** The group agreed to hold a Jubilee event on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> June in Baxter gardens.

**7.2** JF informed the group that the council have awarded them funding for this. However, the group have not been awarded the full amount and will be told how much they have been granted over the next two weeks.

**7.3** SR informed the group that the funding was put in for the following:

**7.3.1** A Queen cardboard cut out which the group hope to take pictures with. SR to ask SM if LM can take pictures.

**7.3.2** 2 x 9 metre red/white/blue bunting

**7.3.3** 200 red/white/blue balloons

**7.3.4** Tug-of-War rope

**7.3.5** Punch & Judy show

**7.3.6** Refreshments

**7.4** The group agreed to advertising to people to come and have a picnic in the park.

**7.5** The group agreed that dependant on what funding they have they could invite KD7 scouts to provide refreshments on the day. TH agreed to confirm with the scouts to attend.

**7.6** The group will need to draw together a list of stall holders they would like to invite.

**7.7** JF will book the park with the council for the day.

**7.8** TH informed the group that the tennis club will be running a 1950's open day on the same day.

**7.9** S agreed for the group to be able to use his gazebo.

**7.10** The group discussed having music and children's dance groups present on the day. SR & MH to follow up. S also indicated that cookie is part of a band and he would ask him if he would be able to put on a gig.

**7.11** TH will be able to provide a generator on the day, subject to funding from the group.

## **8.0 Event: Fitness Event – Try It Award**

**8.1** SR indicated that she would like to put on a fitness event in the park using Try It Award funding from Unltd.

**8.2** JF informed the group that they as a group would not be able to apply for this but if one member wanted to take the lead the group could support on the day.

**8.3** SR informed the group that there are health trainers who can provide free health MOT's and they could be invited on the day along with hiring a personal trainer who could show groups how to use the council gym equipment.

**8.4** TH informed the group that the tennis club now have a cardiac trainer and may be able to incorporate this into the day.

**8.5** JF to send application to SR who will apply for funding. JF to support with writing..

## **9.0 AOB**

**9.1** TH invited the group to Kidderminster Tennis Club who will be holding a Quiz Night on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The Quiz will start at 7:30 and entry will cost £6 and will include Fish & Chip super. The quiz will be held at Chester r

## 10.0 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2012 at Church of Latter Day Saints,  
Birmingham Road, from 6:00pm

Action No.	What	Who
1	Give update on Website	All
2	Provide Times and days when Dog Fouling most prominent in the Park for Campaign with Chris Tudor	All
3	Put up anti-dog fouling posters in park	SR
4	Follow up Notice Board & Dog Poop Dispenser Alan Breen – Funding has to be allocated by 31 <sup>st</sup> March	JF
5	Feed back on whether the group would look to have wood carver Peter Leadbeater	All
6	Pass on groups responses to Alan Breen's answers to questions	JF
7	Spike to send over pictures from the Jubilee Planting	S
8	Put pictures on FoBG website	JF
9	SR to ask SM if daughter could take pictures for Jubilee event	SR
10	Contact KD7Scouts to confirm attendance at Jubilee Event	TH
11	Draw together list of stall holders group would like to invite to event	All
12	JF to ask Justin Bryant about stall holder distribution list	JF
13	Look into inviting bands/ musicians / children's dancing groups to jubilee event	SR & MH
14	Book Park for event	JF
15	Provide generator	TH
16	Send try award application to SR and provide support to complete	JF & SR
17	Look into Cardiac Tennis Trainer for fitness event, availability and programme.	TH