

General Purposes Advisory Group Meeting

27th June 2022 at 2pm

Actions

Attendees

Anne Howell Jones (Chair)
Betty Millard
Ramune Mimiene
Jess Thomson (left at 3pm.)
Vicky Browning
Pam Fraser
Dawn Packham

Actions and Agreements.

New litter bins and Signs on Bloor Estate

DP had met with the Adoption Team, and they have agreed to put 3 bins on site plus the appropriate signage. The Management Company will be responsible for emptying the bins. **DP to monitor.**

Handyman Hours

Confirmed that an extra 12.4 hours available from August. Suggestions for using this time were:

- Continue clearing the subway weekly
- A major clear up of the cemetery. **PF to provide more detail to AHJ/RM.**

PF will also offer on going advice to the Handymen re planting. VB also offered her assistance.

National Highways offer to undertake some 'small' jobs around the village.

AHJ advised group of offer from NH. In addition to suggestions to refurbish the bus stop, redecorate the subway, undertake work on Diddington recreation ground the group suggested clearance of weeds in roadside gutters.

Tentative Plan to purchase additional land in the village

Further update to be provided when plans have progressed.

Christmas Lights

BPC had raised several concerns at the recent meeting. The following was agreed:

- Advise BPC at next meeting that GPAG have delegated authority within budget to make this decision.
- The market has been explored and unfortunately the costs are appropriate. Given timescales there is likely to be no other option for this year. Therefore, we propose to proceed. **AHJ will confirm this position with Sue Ashwell.**
- The Group will explore ways to reutilise the existing lights and will ask the company providing the lights to also maintain the lights on the tree at the village green.
- Re: Lighting switch on; VB to confirm date with Christmas Lights team and advise that BPC insurance does not cover the road closure and market.

Cemetery Mapping

- Final amendments being made to map prior to ordering a map from Pear. **JT**
- Quote requested for a 'notice stand' (similar to that used for the Round Buckden Walk in VH car park), to display map in cemetery. **RM to chase**
- Auditors have advised that we should advertise prices for non-residents and offer a discount to residents. **RM/JT to progress.**
- Searches to typically be free but we will reserve the right to charge if the search requires a visit to the cemetery or an extensive search in paper records. **RM**

Zip wire and climbing wall

Permanent signs to be purchased confirming age limits and what to do if any breakage. **JT to chase Wickstead.**

Bin at Allotments

It was agreed to arrange an additional bin at the allotments to be collected fortnightly. **RM**

Hedge Cutter

It was agreed to purchase an additional battery-operated hedge cutter. **RM**

Play Area

Given additional space now available reconsider best option for replacement. **DP/JT**

Defibrillator

Defibrillator case has been repaired. **RM to chase electrician re installation**

Street Lights

Agreed to proceed with maintenance contract but ensure we have budgeted properly for future years. **VB to provide figures to RM.**

Next Meeting: 26th July at 1.30pm