



**MY NEIGHBOURHOOD**

**AGENDA ITEM NO: 9**

**DUNDRY VIEW NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIP**

**28<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

**Report of:** Kingshead Lane Park Group/ Councillor Richard Eddy  
**Title:** Park improvement work

**Officer presenting report:** Emily Smith

**Recommendation:**

- a) To **agree** the additional funding of £800 required to complete the work around the tree felling and planting in Kingshead Lane Park.

**1. Background Kingshead Lane Park improvements**

**1.1. Current plan for the park:**

- to use One Tree Per Child to plant 17 new trees in the park
- to replant a sizeable part of the north-east park hedge
- to use Alun Griffith Contractors to break-up the concrete base of the old play area and then use construction soil to level-up this area,
- remove the three remaining trees here (one dead one has already been felled) and replant the area with a wildflower meadow.
- The cost of the three tree felling and wildflower seed planting has already been quoted at £1,750 by Environment & Leisure and a Wellbeing Grant for this sum is being recommended for approval by the Dundry View Neighbourhood Partnership meeting on Monday 28th September 2015.

**1.2. On Monday 7th September at the Bedminster Down & Uplands Society committee, agreed to move the last bit of the 'King's**

Head Park Fund' remaining in the BDUS accounts ( £85.87) towards this project.

- 1.3. On Wednesday 9th September, Councillor Eddy met Helen Humphries (of the One Tree Per Child project) at Brunel House. Over the summer, they consulted by letter with all the residents surrounding the park regarding their proposals and found the plans received overwhelming support from affected householders.
- 1.4. One Tree Per Child plan to plant in 2016- after the main work (including the three tree felling) is done at the old children's play area. The only remaining problem is that BCC policy normally forbids tree-felling before replacement-planting ( even on its own property). Helen Humphries has received prior agreement from Matt Bennett that we can receive permission to fell the three trees earlier so long as we upgrade three of the new trees planted by the One Tree Per Child initiative. To increase the diameter of the trees planted to 16- 18 cm and provide watering for two years by One Tree Per Child costs £295 per tree.
2. To upgrade these three trees - and allow the timing of the old play area scheme to proceed- requires £885 gross, less the £85 donated by the BDUS, totalling £800 net.
3. The Kingshead Lane Park Group are asking if the Neighbourhood Partnership will fund this work from the neighbourhood budget
4. This project fulfils most of our NP strategic priorities, including Improving the environment, enhancing recreation and health, reducing crime and encouraging community engagement and active citizenship