

**Environment Working Group notes from 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**Agenda

1. Clean and Green update (also see AC's devolved services update)
2. Stoke Lodge update
3. Garden Encroachment on Ebenezer Lane

**Apologies:** Clare Campion-Smith, Dennis Brown

#### Clean and Green update

It was agreed that the rest of the money that has not been spent should be used to provide hanging baskets for Stoke Bishop and Henleaze. The Clean and green budget showed that Stoke Bishop has £215 and Henleaze £470.

The group decided that it might be wise to look at the possibility of giving some more funding to buy more baskets when the new clean and green budget is finalised.

The cost of a hanging basket with maintenance is £180

#### Stoke Lodge update

David Mayer asked if he might have a copy of the large-scale map showing all the sports pitches and running track sent to him, this has now been sent.

The reason for the maps was to show the working group the extent of the area that the playing pitches take up on the open space.

Also discussed - the council's view that at present no work should go ahead until the TVG inspector has made a ruling on the application at Stoke lodge. Officers are seeking clarity on this issue.

David asked that a meeting be arranged with a team from the council so members from this Environment working group can discuss the issues surrounding the play area and the TVG. Efforts are on-going to organise this meeting.

#### Garden Encroachment on Ebenezer Lane

It was explained to the group that the council's Public Rights Of Way officer had made a visit to look at any encroachment that may have occurred.

Although the majority of the lane is not in council ownership, the PROW officer felt that there is an issue around encroachment and has asked that an officer from BCC legal team has a look at this case to see if there is any way the council can reclaim the areas that have being encroached upon.

## Tree Report for Neighbourhood Partnership meeting

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012

- 1) A request for Tree Preservation Orders on 8 trees on Stoke Lodge Parkland was submitted to the Senior Tree Officer, Bristol City Council, in early January 2012. Apart from a verbal acknowledgment of receipt of the application there is no news to report yet.
- 2) Briarwood (off Reedley Road, Westbury on Trym) has 7 new Street Trees – joint funding TreeBristol (BCC) and Wellbeing Fund grant from NP03 – organised by a Briarwood resident (with assistance).
- 3) Merlin Close (off Falcondale Road end of Canford Lane, Westbury on Trym) has had several trees planted on the large green “verge” half way along the road as part of tree allocation from Bristol’s Barcham Tree Prize.
- 4) TreeBristol held a Community Tree Planting on Trymside green space on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February. This is a particularly useful episode of planting as several of the mature trees in that area are seriously diseased and those trees will be lost in the near future.
- 5) The oak tree on the Parry’s Lane boundary of Stoke Lodge Parkland lost to disease in the Autumn should be replaced with a new oak tree (Barcham Tree Prize allocation) this season (Nov 10 – Mar 11).
- 6) There will be a major loss of trees in Stoke Bishop, on the boundary with Westbury on Trym, if the plans the University has for building several groups of four storey flats and a transport hub in the grounds of Hiatt Baker Hall, Parry’s Lane, go ahead as currently intended. Interested/concerned residents should study the plans when they are eventually submitted (although they are probably already agreed) and make any comments they feel are warranted.
- 7) Arrangements for the replacement of lost Street Trees in South Dene (Stoke Bishop) are well under way. Joint funding TreeBristol

(BCC) and Wellbeing Fund grant from NP03 – organised by a South Dene resident (with assistance).

- 8) The landlord of Westbury Tavern (opposite Waitrose, Henleaze) has been helped by a member of the Tree Forum to tidy up the Ash Trees in the pub's four tree pits in the car park. One stem from each tree is to be encouraged to flourish rather than all being levelled each year. We'll see how things go! If all does go well then that corner – White Tree Road/Northumbria Road – might look a little cheerier in the future.

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