

Environment Working Group notes – Thursday 18th October 2012

Present: Alan Aburrow, Eileen Poad, David Mayer, Sheila Preece, Alan Preece, Sue Boyd, Gary Brentnall, Andrew McGrath

Apologies: Clare Champion-Smith, Hilary Long, Gill Brown, Eileen Stonebridge, Gay Huggins, Susan Mayer, Val Bishop, Gerry Arnold

Notes and Actions:

1. Matters arising.

Grass verge near mini roundabout on Druids Hill needs reconstituting. **Action:** Gary checked and seems okay. Would like more detail as not sure if he had the right place

Wall left of Premier Homecare has graffiti. **Action:** should be reported via BCC reporting procedure

Bike racks in W-o-T village. **Action:** Gary to chase up. Due in week beginning 5th November

New bin outside Premier Homecare. Not yet done. **Action:** Gary to ensure it is complete by next meeting

Public Liability Insurance is a city-wide issue being looked at by senior managers. **Action:** Andrew. A policy exists and is being updated. Report by next meeting

Bins in W-o-T keep catching light, probably due to cigarettes being thrown in main bin because ashtray isn't cleared regularly. **Action:** Done

Community Payback to attend Stoke Lodge to do bramble clearance (including Knotweed clearance) in November. **Action:** Gary

Working Group gave its thanks to Gerry and Stephanie for their survey work

Knotweed sprayed on 28/29th September

Fencing is to be put around the Cedar Tree on Stoke Lodge as there is a danger of falling branches

Discussion on the car park at the rear of Stoke Lodge House. This is heavily overgrown. Cannot use spray effectively. Therefore **agreed** that Community Payback will be brought in to chop back and treat the Knotweed (see action above). They don't need training in Knotweed. Just need to be careful that they don't walk over the rest of the site. The chopping back and spraying will be coordinated. **Action:** Gary

Also agreed that Community Payback will be used in W-o-T. **Action:** Gary to organise. Liaise with Sue Boyd re date

Action: Gary to send the May Gurney contract details to the group. Gary will provide the meeting with the detailed Community priorities plan further to the group previously agreeing the 3 MG priorities. **Action:** Gary

Request that Vicki Abel and Nigel Sands provide an update on where they are re the Canford Park projects. **Action:** Andrew

Request for action on the trees in West Dene and South Dene. What is the schedule? **Action:** Gary

Stoke Lodge

Gary showed the meeting 3 aerial photographs of Stoke Lodge each with different potential pitch configurations. These were shown merely to illustrate that there need be no loss of pitches if a new play area is put in at the preferred site adjacent to Stoke Lodge House. The meeting thought these configurations were very useful.

The need for an extraordinary meeting to agree the siting of the play area was also discussed. Andrew informed the meeting that a date probably in the week beginning 19th November was being sought. **Afternote:** Extraordinary Neighbourhood Committee meeting will be held at **11am Friday 23rd November** at the Council House. Only councillor members will be formerly invited. It is, however, open to the public, and the resident reps of the NP will all be informed of the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting

2pm Thursday 17th January 2013