

## **Foscp Brief Notes of Mini Walkabout 7th February 2024**

Present : Stephen C Jarvis/Dave Morgan/ Ray Leyden/ Foscp

Purpose of Meeting : We had planned to have an SCP Annual Walkabout with Parks Dept 7/2/24/but this was deferred until March/April but we decided to proceed with a mini- walkabout to catch up on some of the issues. Nb we do expect a Mystery Shopper/Visitor from Green Flag this year, so we are keen to keep on top of the issues.

### Main entrance.

- (a) New Finger Highways street sign agreed and we await timetable for installation. This is to help new-comers find the park ie Away football teams and more recently tennis players to use the refurbished tennis courts.
- (b) Supply and Install new flagpole for new Green Flag.
- (c) Remove redundant sign notices for Bowls Green and Contractor parking terms & conditions signage.

### Park Main entrance road

- (a) Missing road bump end cap to be installed.
- (b) Protective enclosure for padlock/ front entrance gate to be repaired.
- (c) Refix Height signage on top of main entrance gate.
- (d) Remove redundant Contractor terms & conditions signage.
- (e) Redundant pole for step counter to be removed

### Main car park

- (a) New removable bollard/ fixed bollards installation outstanding from previous main entrance Safety Public Realm Bid to prevent entry and illegal parking up and alongside the maintenance road leading up to the Bowls Green & Club House. Needs review.
- (b) Repair removable bollard located on the edge of the car park and at the beginning of the single pathway between the boundary fence and BMX Area.
- (c) Remove redundant Contractor terms & conditions signage.

Bowls Club.....Bowls Club now closed. The main gate was locked so unable to carry out internal inspection of building.

- (a) New plans for this facility TBA ?? It's possible we can help promote the reuse of this facility on our Friends website.
- (b) Out-building at the far side of the Green is being used by the football club for storage and needs to be resolved before re-letting of facilities.
- (c) Perimeter wire fence is damaged on the left hand side of the main entrance to the bowls green. It looks like it's being used as an unauthorized entrance ?? Needs checking?

Children's Playground area..... General inspection of equipment required

### Sports Area / Signage

- (a) Holes in perimeter wire fence to be repaired
- (b) Weeding of perimeter wire fence required.
- (c) inspect perimeter pathways for repairs
- (d) Temporary safety notices on the perimeter wire fence inc Baseball /Tennis Court / BMX/ Learner Drivers etc to be replaced by permanent Vandal resistant signage.

New Sports Pavilion/ Signage..... Sports Pavilion closed so unable to carry out internal inspection of building.

- (a) New sign to be installed above Pavilion entrance ie SCP Sports Pavilion
- (b) New twin finger sign to be installed on edge of car park by Children playground entrance/ new pathway to new Pavilion / The Paddock
- (c) New Concrete pathway to Pavilion in need of repair in some places
- (d) Pathway between the Pavilion and Morden Way entrance needs weeding all along the both sides of the retaining wooden kerb to redefine pathway.
- (e) Check Defibrillator for correct post code

#### BMX Area

Natalie, resident on corner house of main entrance lodged a complaint about cricket in BMX area /cricket balls in her garden/ H&S risk to be noted.

- (a) Hole between BMX and Tennis court needs to be sealed to match existing metal fence, the last temporary repair has been inspected by Cllr Rob Beck and he has reported it as a H&S risk. We noticed a nut and bolt has been undone to probably gain access to retrieve ball from Tennis court / Baseball court.
- (b) The retaining brickwork between the tennis court and the BMX/ Baseball court is crumbling with bricks missing and dislodged. Needs remedial action. This is a H&S risk with danger of collapse.

#### Tennis Courts

- (a) New entrance sign required above doorway to tennis courts to identify entrance ie Main Entrance - Tennis Courts
- (b) Tarmac dips at entrance with big puddle, needs attention
- (c) Instruction notice / wording on door to tennis court, heading to be amended from Sutton Common Recreation Ground to Sutton Common Park
- (d) White strap height control / anchor missing on one of the tennis nets.

The Close Entrance.....Jean H reports Bikers Deliveries take a short cut thru park from Main entrance to The Close at speed endangering The Close entrance.

- (a) install safety rails at entrance / cheap temporary option, install "Please Close the Gate" Sign to stop bikers racing thru without stopping with risk of collision.
- (b) Mechanism / closer for automatic door closure needs repair.
- (c) Welcome sign needs a good clean
- (e) Right-hand boundary property by the entrance a "stand support" for Ferris fencing has been left in the grass, needs collection. Condensate pipe from house protruding into park, may need protective guard ?

Boundary fence inspection..... between The Close and Elm Road West.

- (a) inspect condition of pathway showing cracks
- (b) Weeding required along edges of path
- (c) Noted Pyracantha hedging planted in front section of boundary fence.
- (d) Fallen tree leaning against boundary fence
- (e) Burnt out house currently undergoing building works is screened off due to H&S risk/ Building extension is protruding into park Encroachment investigation by LBS Building Control. Await outcome.
- (f) Noted all the new garden maintenance works in progress. Noted Geoff Archer, Elm Road West complained about the severity of the habitat cutback which exposed his property and made him feel vulnerable. His overarching complaint as a boundary Neighbour was No Prior Consultation. Nb Our view is it's good PR to consult with boundary neighbours to prevent a case escalating ?? Nb Are these new works included in the Idverdi contract and if so why hasn't Idverdi carried out regular maintenance which would have prevented major works and knock on issues ??
- (g) We have established a listening ear to Geoff Archer and his troubles and as a consequence has

provided video evidence of the boundary trees cut down by the burnt out house. We await an outcome.

#### Elm Road West entrance

- (a) 2 redundant posts erected for step counter needs to be removed . Nb possible reuse in main car park }
- (b) Prow 7, Inspect condition on pathway showing cracks
- (c) Prow 7 Weeding required along edges of path, fences need undergrowth removed and overhanging branches need pruning. Nb Prow 7 by covenant belongs to the Park and should therefore be part of the Idverdi contract and not an extra cost ? Please check

#### The Paddock

- (a) General Inspection/ New descriptive panels / biodiversity project to be submitted to Public Realm Dept by Foscp in new financial year
- (b) French drains required by main entrance to prevent water logging. This has been previously costed and requires resubmission.

#### Morden Way entrance

- (a) New Prow 7 signage required / same as other end.
- (b) Redundant post erected for step counter to be removed
- (c) Prow 40 Weeding required along edges of path, fences need undergrowth removed and overhanging branches need pruning. Water Ditch and Earthenware ducts needs cleansing and maintenance.