

Minutes of Betterment Meeting 4/2/14

Held at 60 Whitefield Rd, Stockton Heath at 7pm

In Attendance - Cllrs Mrs Hardie, R Hardie, R Hewitt, D Meacock, M Eldridge, J Ward(part time)

Item 1 Tubs & Beds

Mr Priestner's e-mails were distributed and considered. Other thoughts for enhancement were called for/discussed, but only a swath of bulbs be planted and/or poppies/wild flowers was suggested

Item 2 Update from previous meeting

Item 3. Acton Grange Wood

Cllr Meacock to progress the laying of chippings around the furniture. Spoke to Mr Webb but still awaiting a call re another table and work on the steps.

Item 4 Playground trees maintenance

Cllr Ward to be reminded and asked to complete the work by 18th Feb. Plaques to be refitted afterwards.

Item 5 Tree planting in verges –

Proposal for planting this year sent to WBC with application for a “Planting Licence”. The Tender document is about to be issued – awaiting instruction from WBC on which species to use in new locations.

Item 6 Triangle

Suggested we should cut the grass 3 times a year, 1st cut after the bulbs have died off. Cllr Eldridge to organise, - with a contractor if necessary. It was suggested there could be a “wild area” in part of it to encourage small mammals/toads. Also suggested there be bird boxes and a beehive. Cllr Eldridge to progress.

Item 7 Gate at Lady Daresbury Walk

Existing gate to be measured by Cllrs Meacock/Hardie, and an oak gate priced

Item 8 Notice Board at Parish Room

Improve finish at legs. Cement capping to be put around legs. Cllr Meacock to organise some cement

Item 9 New ideas for Parish

Cllr Eldridge said the stairs at Lytchgate were too steep and should be revised. Recommend this be reported to “Highways” and ask for them to be revised to meet current standard.

Cllr Eldridge brought up the subject of the banking by the stairs, saying remedial work is required.

Suggested that it could be cost effective to provide car parking in side roads off Ellesmere Rd where the wide verges to could be cut back. The saving from not attending to the verge may cover capital cost.

Cllr Eldridge suggested that we should have a method of distributing the Police warnings we get to local communities. The Newsletter could ask for volunteers to distribute such info, eg “homewatch coordinators.” or chalk boards in the pubs and shops. They could also be collated and put into the notice boards once a month.

Next meeting to be on 1st April at 7pm

