

Cronkeyshaw Common / Syke Pond Working Group

November 2018

Present: Ian Trickett (RBC), Tricia Ayrton, Donald Barnett, Richard Lord, John Kennedy, Andrew Evans, Councillor Shaun O'Neill, Neil Dixon

Apologies: Jim Murphy, Councillor Kieran Heakin, Cllr Sha Wazir, Sheila Acton

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action
1. Purpose of the group / how we will work	<p>Improvements to Cronkeyshaw Common so that it is a well-cared for asset to the community.</p> <p>Regular meetings of Working group with attendance relevant Council Officers</p> <p>A long term 5 year management & action plan that everyone signs up to so we are working together to a common goal. Seeking some quick wins so that community can see progress</p> <p>Scope = whole of Cronkeyshaw Common</p> <p>Positive joint working where people contribute ideas and help, not complain and walk away. People and Council honour commitments</p> <p>There is no funding in place for improvements from EM Service so everyone will need to work together and obtain funding – Council via Township, external grants etc or achieve through volunteer effort</p>	
2. Update Actions Previous meetings	<p>Internal Environmental Management Service (EM) meeting notes handed out by IT. Actions involved:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IT has e-mailed Faith Crompton about finding out where Syke Overflow goes & checking it works – no response yet - IT has asked colleagues in maintenance for full schedule existing maintenance operations so can include in Management plan – awaiting - IT has asked colleagues in maintenance trial a jet washing round pond – awaiting implementation - IT asked colleagues in maintenance interim improvements. Actioned: heritage gardens area weed sprayed & overgrowth removed. Overgrown kerb edges weed ripped with machinery <p>Comment from group: Weed removal on kerb edges has made a big improvement. Much appreciated</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mapping whole site. First phase completed with digital maps showing locations every tree, bin, bench etc. Next step is to add all the condition statements to the map - Paths: IT to get cost estimates different methodologies (no actioned yet) 	<p>IT: chase</p> <p>IT: chase</p> <p>IT: chase</p> <p>IT: include annual action in new maintenance schedule to be implemented</p> <p>IT to bring finished version maps to next meeting</p> <p>IT to ask Wayne</p>

	<p>IT notes made from the 13/9/18 meeting of community distributed and actions update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - IT to arrange quarterly site maintenance tour to keep EM honest – DONE - Working group to be set up – DONE - Internal meeting EM staff – DONE - Paths option appraisal – future meeting topic for working group - Tree, benches & wildlife options appraisal – process started with mapping site - Benches - Syke Woods to be included in project assessment path network - Maintenance schedule - Overarching Management plan. Skeleton done by IT, needs filling out by IT colleagues in EM, community etc 	<p>IT: future meeting working group paths as sole item</p> <p>Low priority item for IT</p> <p>IT: Part of management plan process IT to continue work on Man. Plan through working Group</p>
3. Member contact details / areas of interest / roles	Everyone filled in attendance sheet so IT will be able to send invites out to all. If anyone else wants to join this is an inclusive group and will welcome new members	
4. Tree stock	<p>First stage complete – mapping location. Next step is condition / variety survey. Then we can look at creating a tree action plan which shows what the eventual tree stock will look like, land parcel by land parcel and we will know what tree we need to find funding for.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps of site showing location of trees passed around and initial comments made Survey next summer the avenue of birch trees planted this year to see if they have survived and seek funding for replacements with Alder if they haven't - Some specimen weeping willow on boggy areas 	IT to have as main topic future meeting of group to finalise plans
5. Wildlife / differential mowing	First stage complete – mapping the Common. Initial discussion held, maps of site looked at and initial location ideas suggested	IT to map formally and then consult with local residents then to meet with group and formalise plans
6. Audit of basic infrastructure – bins / benches / paths	First item discussed: Heritage Garden. All agreed landscape feature to be retained but needs attention. Agreed pink play area surface not in keeping and at end of lifespan so should be removed and replaced with turf. Cobble sets around trees to be retained & single type flower to be planted round base each tree	IT; Get quote for carrying out work via Wayne
7. Future discussion items	<p>Agreed that next meeting needs to be a specific meeting with Nick Barton about the pond project.</p> <p>PROVISIONAL Dates for next meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 7th Feb (Walk-around then group meet) - 20th March (Group meet only) - 14th May (Walk-around then group meet) - 20th Aug (Walk-around then group meet) <p>Main topic Feb: Paths and heritage gardens</p>	<p>IT to email Gary Finch to arrange this with NB. IT to attend so he is up to date</p> <p>IT to confirm with Gary Finch availability community room and send invite e-mail with agenda for February meeting</p>

<p>- Working towards a Green Flag Award</p>	<p>Main topic March: Trees, wildlife Main topic May: Bins, benches, management plan Main topic Aug: Management Plan, Green Flag</p> <p>There will not be an additional meeting June due to peak season demand on time Ian Trickett</p>	
<p>AOB</p>	<p>Dog Fouling. Agreed this is an issue. IT explained section that deals with this is in flux at the moment, possibly looking into private sector company.</p> <p>Discussion about warning signs: Caution slippery surface. Concern may be invite for people to sue us but might be a useful tool. IT to investigate. Response for Insurance: Don't do it, leads to multiple false attempts at litigation</p> <p>Jim Murphy e-mail with apology for not being able to attend this specific meeting: access on to the Common Whitehall St where wet ground means access point for maintenance tractors gets churned up – request look at possible alternative entry points</p> <p>Additional hand written notes provided to IT by DB on the day, history of the site.</p> <p>For Information: Subsequent to meeting IT has emailed Council Estates department for copy of lease / license to Walton Angling and covenants and other information relating to Syke Common as this should be useful background information</p>	<p>IT to include Management Plan as action for next spring.</p> <p>IT to include as part of Working Group discussions each land parcel management.</p> <p>IT to use to start filling in parts of the Management Plan</p> <p>Everyone: If anyone has any interesting pictures or other info send to IT to include in Management Plan / folder of information about site as appropriate</p>