

SCP Notes of Annual Walkabout Thursday 3rd April 2025

Present : Stephen C Jarvis/Dave Morgan/ Ray Leyden/ Foscp, Sarah Fowler, Contracts Manager, LBS.

Purpose of Meeting : To inspect the park, review our Action Plan and catch up on some of the issues. Also to prepare for the next Green Flag Inspection by the Officers on the Wednesday 21st May 2025 @ 12.00 to 1.30 pm.

(1) Car Park, Main Notice Board : Sarah updated the notice board, she removed the Green Flag Award Winner 2023/2024 and replaced it with the 2024/2025 notice.

(2) The Former Bowls Clubhouse :

This complex has been handed over to Asset Management, LBS for letting purposes but we note the entrance is already open with an Idverdi Vechicle in attendance so we walked over to make ourselves known.

(a) Noted on the pathway between the Car park and the complex, tyre marks in the grass indicating overflow parking. Action : Sarah

(b) Tony, Idverdi advised he had visited site to carry out a water test but on his arrival had discovered a break-in by persons unknown. A lot of damage had been caused with external doors bashed in and mindless vandalism to the property. Photographs were taken of the damage. Stephen phoned Neighbourhood Watch on behalf of Sarah to alert the Police to the break -in and obtain a crime number for the records.

Action : Sarah / Stephen to follow up.

(c) There was also a loose gas canister in the far corner of the bowls green which needs removing for safety purposes. Action : Sarah to organize removal of gas canister.

(d) Planning Application DM 2024/01207 ; submitted for new Nursery but currently no outcome? nb Application withdrawn by Agent. Action : Sarah / Stephen to follow up.

(3) Children's Playground Area : The concrete pathway running alongside the external perimeter fence in need of attention. Also the perimeter metal fence is loose and leaning over towards the public concrete footpath and needs to be made secure. Action: Sarah. Noted new trees planted adjacent to the play area.

(4) The new Sports Pavilion: We carried out an inspection and noted ;

(a) The padlock on the main entrance shutter was missing. Action : Sarah

(b) The main fire alarm panel in the foyer is showing a fault and needs resetting. Fire extinguisher out of date ? Action : Sarah.

(c) The Electrical Cupboard door was locked, noted no key in the door. Action : Sarah

(d) Some lights not working? Action : Sarah.

(e) New sign to be installed above Pavilion main entrance ie SCP Sports Pavilion to identify the building purpose. Previous sign supplied to Mitie to install but currently lost and unaccounted for ? Action : Sarah

(f) In veiw of recent break-in of former bowls club recommend review of building security. Action : Sarah to follow up at next contracts meeting.

(5) Main Pathway between Sports Pavilion and Morden Way needs weeding all along both sides of the retaining concrete to define pathway. Action : Sarah.

NB row of new trees planted adjacent to Prow 7

(6) Morden Way Entrance/ The Paddock : (a) The entrance to the Paddock is prone to getting water logged and now that a decision has been made to hold regular/ annual Cattle events which require

heavy cattle trucks to use this entrance it's now important to install adequate drainage facilities to prevent the trucks getting stuck in muddy conditions. We considered French drains with a pipe to drain the water into the drainage ditch running alongside PROW40. The other favored consideration is "Pea Shingle" also using a drainage pipe. It was proposed to get a price from RJDance/ I& J Bushell Ltd, excavating contractor in Carshalton. Sarah advised that they have lost their main contact at RJ Dance which has affected the response/ service level so it was agreed to seek a price from Bushells. Action: Sarah / Stephen, Architect will follow this proposal up. Nb Sarah has already submitted a proposal to The Local Committee on the 4/2/25 for £7k funding to improve the drainage at the paddock entrance/ culvert in Prow40.

(b) On going management by Biodiversity Team, LBS Action : David Warburton

(c) 2 new Descriptive Panels to be installed by Biodiversity Dept, LBS, approved funding by Local Committee. Action : David Warburton

(d) Morden Way entrance: Redundant post erected for the step counter no longer in use at this entrance needs to be removed. Action : Sarah

(7) Prow 40 walkway : We inspected the drainage ditch section that was blocked at the Rutland Way end and Sarah said that after a video survey had been carried out it was found that tree roots had damaged the underground duct and clay had been used to block the drain by others. The tree had been cut down but Sarah advised they will grind the tree stump down to gain access and repair the collapsed culvert pipe, clear and reprofile ditch for flood prevention. Action : Sarah
Nb The £7k funding proposal organised by Sarah will pay for the works subject to approval by the Local Committee.

(8) Prow 7 walkway ; (a) 2 redundant posts erected for the step counter no longer in use at the Elm Road West entrance need to be removed Action : Sarah

(b) On going general maintenance required to keep pathway clear ie weeding and pruning of overhanging branches Action ; Sarah

(9) Boundary Fence between The Close and Elm Road West

(a) Inspected the new bedding along the boundary fence which had been cut back and reshaped and noted it had improved the overall appearance.

(b) Weeding required along the edges of the footpath. Action : Sarah

(c) Overhanging metal guard rail and loose barbed wire mounted on boundary wall and presents H&S risk to workman/ park users. Action : Sarah

(d) Burnt out house currently undergoing building works is screened off with red tape due to H&S risk/ Building extension is protruding into park. Encroachment investigation by LBS / Planning/ Building Control. Await outcome? This area needs a general tidy up in the red tape area Action : Sarah

(e) Ref the illegal cut down trees by the burnt out house, video evidence of the culprit obtained by Geoff Archer, Resident has been passed on to the Parks/ Tree Team. We await outcome of this enquiry Action : Sarah

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

(a) Proposal 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 gate closure needs repair. Action ; Sarah

(c) Remove Graffiti on Jeans boundary wall Action : Sarah

(11) Tennis Court : Further to the refurbished tennis courts noted entrance path re- tarmaced. Also new Highway Sign to identify the park entrance has now been installed to help newcomers find the facilities.

NB Premier Tennis, James Auckland now manage the courts

(a) 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 potential H&S risk with danger of collapse.

(12) 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. Action : Sarah

(b) Repair/ reinstate missing 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. Action : Sarah

(c) Remove redundant Parking Contractor terms & conditions signage. Action ; Sarah

(d) Temporary safety notices on the perimeter wire fence inc Baseball /Tennis Court / BMX/ No Learner Drivers Allowed etc to be replaced by permanent Vandal resistant signage. Action : Sarah

(13) SCP Main entrance

(a) Missing road bump end cap to be installed. Action : Sarah

(b) Protective enclosure for padlock/ front entrance gate to be repaired. Action : Sarah

(c) Refix Height signage on top of main entrance gate. Action : Sarah

(d) Remove redundant Parking Contractor terms & conditions signage. Action : Sarah

(e) Redundant pole for step counter to be removed Action : Sarah

General : This report is not intended to be exhaustive but trust these brief notes will assist you. Some of the works are due to be carried out before Green Flag Day inspection on the 21st May 2025.

Ray, Chairman
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