

## **FRIENDS OF THORNBURY PARK**

### **Notes following a walk in Thornbury Park, Isleworth Saturday 21 November 2015, 10.00m am to 11.30 am**

Present: Joan Collins (Stanborough Rd), Hazel Burden (Sidmouth Ave), Patrick McMahon (St Johns Rd), Dave Eldridge (The Grove), Keith Weathers (The Grove), Andrew and Lucy (Thornbury Rd), Michael Goodman (London Rd), Maureen Carr (Golden Court), Marianne Rybowski (Spring Grove Rd), Mr Rhodes *for part* (Stanborough Rd), Jonathan Giddings Reid (LBH, Community Partnerships Unit), PC Andy Field (Hounslow Central Neighbourhood Police Team), Cllr Tony Louki (LBH, Osterley & Spring Grove Ward)

- Anti clockwise walk kindly led by Michael Goodman with others making informed comment along the way.
- Remainder of former tennis club site viewed and its littering and dumping upon requires clearing, fencing requires repair, fruiting trees require ivy cleared; ownership needs clarifying. Suggested site for a car park.
- Basketball court graffiti requires removal, still unusable due to removal of hoops, reports of not adequately cleared of litter and broken glass.
- Suggestion to approach Golden Court and Greenhams to light the footpath towards Stanborough Road exit.
- Noted that whilst most of the poplar trees on the northern boundary had recently received maintenance, the two nearest the western exit may have not; preservation order status needs checking.
- Considered not enough dog litter (and other) bins; their inadequate emptying frequency queried.
- Lack of any benches along southern boundary commented on and requests made for placing some.
- Height of boundary planting at western end in front of Greenham House Sheltered Housing suggested as too high blocking park views for residents at first floor level; suggested seeking residents' comments via the block's warden, Tanya.
- Dumping between the boundary fence and railway track noted and request for clearing.
- Concern at uneven levels following and quality of reinstatements of SSE/Murphy works in the park.
- Status of methane testing regime sought.
- Rough sleeper checked out by PC Field who would refer him to St Mungos homeless charity and his shelter reported to Carillion for removal.
- Incidence of dumping and evidence of other rough sleeping suggests that the park is not sufficiently monitored and debris removed. Particularly at eastern end of the park in the three wooded strips between the rear of Sidmouth Avenue and the railway but also at other edges of the park.
- Sympathetic but sufficient pruning and cutting back of shrubs required to reduce rough sleeping, out of sight drugs activity and reported prostitution.
- Litter bin near the Rennels Way exit overflowing.
- Graffiti on garages and walls at the rear of Sidmouth Avenue noted.
- Graffiti on trackside buildings noted for reporting (again).

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- Collapsed and damaged boundary treatment at western end of Sidmouth Avenue, 585 London Road and Meon Court, London Road.
- PC Field described the types of incidents reported taking place in Thornbury Park, the third worst level for all the parks in Hounslow and he undertook to provide written detail.
- Inadequacy of sole litter bin outside the London Road noted as is the infrequency of collection; to be reported to Hounslow Highways.
- Reminder of Hounslow Parks Forum meeting on Monday 23.11.2015, 6.30 pm at Hounslow Civic Centre and anyone from this group welcome to attend.

### **Useful contact information:**

Parks maintenance issues call Carillion 0845 456 2853 and or e mail [hounslow.info@carillionservices.co.uk](mailto:hounslow.info@carillionservices.co.uk)

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