

PERRY COMMON WARD MEETING NOTES

WARD: Perry Common	DATE: 7 th December 2023
VENUE: Perry Common Community Hall, Witton Lodge Road B23 5JD	START/FINISH TIMES: 7pm – 7.55pm
COUNCILLOR Jilly Bermingham	NOs OF ATTENDEES: 1
OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE: Danny Squires, Senior Park Ranger, Sutton & Erdington Kay Thomas, Community Governance Manager	

MATTERS DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING INCLUDING LOCAL CONCERNS:

1. Introductions & Notice of Recording

Councillor Bermingham welcomed all to the meeting and advised that members of the press/public could record and take photographs of the meeting except where there were exempt/confidential items.

2. Perry Common Parks and Green Spaces

Danny Squires provided the following update –

- Explained his role and responsibilities.
- Perry Common Meadows and pocket sites across the ward had been risked assessed.
- The Perry Common Meadows plan had been completed and delivered. The site had been returned to the city council and the grounds maintenance contract had been altered in recognition of habitats etc.
- Some areas were not within the maintenance programme, therefore thought needed to be given to budget and relationships with Friends of Groups, where training, support, loan of equipment could be provided. Funding for drainage systems also needed consideration.
- Himalayan Balsam required action. Although some had been cleared during the summer months, action was now needed to clear more and assistance from Friends of Groups would be welcomed.

In response to questions, Danny provided the following responses –

- Severn Trent had River Rangers that could assist with drainage either via funding or as a one-off event to clear. Councillor Bermingham said she

would also pursue this if contact details could be shared.

- The damaged balancing pond cover would be included in the risk management assessment for repair/replacement.
- In respect of mowing strips along the paths, action on this would be subject to budget availability going forward. The eco importance of the site was recognised and therefore funding from outside the council could be pursued eg Bio Diversity Net Gain via developers
- The importance of green spaces was well recognised for mental health & other health benefits.
- Danny undertook to follow up request for trip rail/barriers around grassed area at Hurstwood Road POS to prevent cars churning up the grass.
- Re coppicing of trees on the brook, the trees needed to be included in the Brookvale tree survey. Danny to pursue.
- Damaged railings Perry Common Meadows – Danny to check responsibility for repair with Mike Hinton

3. Local Updates

Linda Hines reported that –

- the Eco Hub was being nominated for a national RIBA award.
- 300 children/parents/carers had enjoyed a Halloween Party at the Eco Hub
- Warm Welcome event for tenants arranged.
- Advertising future ward meetings – suggested that a poster/flyer be forwarded to the community hall to help advertising meetings to local residents.

ACTIONS/ RECOMMENDATIONS MADE	WHO	BY WHEN
1. Severn Trent River Ranger details forwarded to Cllr Bermingham	1. Danny Squires	UPDATES ON ACTIONS TO BE FORWARDED TO CLLR BIRMINGHAM
2. Damaged balancing pond cover inclusion in risk assessment	2. Danny Squires	
3. Mowing strips along paths	3. Danny Squires to investigate possibility	

4. Coppicing trees on brook query 5. Trip rails, Hurstwood Rd POS to pursue request 6. Damaged railings Perry Common Meadows	4. Danny Squires 5. Danny Squires 6. Danny Squires to check responsibility for repair	
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