

E-mail received from Horfield Councillor Cheryl Ann, 30 July 2011

Subject: Courtesy email from Cllr Cheryl Ann. Wellington Hill Playing Field update

Dear All,

I am contacting you as in the past you have expressed an interest in the above field and its future.

Your contact details have not been shared with one another. They remain private.

However, feel free to circulate this email to additional interested friends, families should you wish to...

Following the successful campaign to save the field I'm aware many of you have shared my disappointment that it has currently not been restored to its former glory - or indeed improved on its past...

Please see below the latest update then further below an explanation of recent communications/issues.

With kind regards

Cheryl.

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Dear Councillor

I am writing to inform that work on reinstating the playing field

should weather permitting start next week (week commencing 1st Aug)

The developer has promised that they will have their landscapes team on site to start weed removal, re profiling the soil and re seed the damaged areas.

I will of course keep you fully updated of progress and will be overseeing the project personally.

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Our field was saved from development as we are all aware, the developers of Concorde Lodge had an obligation to restore the field after using it for construction vehicles and delivery of site materials. They have failed to do so.

Investigation with officers showed the Company had gone into administration. There remains an ongoing legal wrangle with BCC.

Meanwhile, for my role - the priority has been to get this field restored and better able to be enjoyed.

Both myself and Cllr Pete Levy were assured on numerous occasions that this was due or indeed completed !

I took issue - As of last week when clearly not only was the field still in a dreadful state but a number of our additional issues along Horfield Common were identified as remaining outstanding - I contacted BCC Parks Department and Executive Member Cllr Hopkins with some extremely strong points....

The Director overseeing Parks telephoned me shortly after and after numerous telephone calls and supporting email evidence being exchanged a

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meeting with the new/returning Area Manager was agreed to be made for the following day.

For those who know Chris Hammond, he is returning to oversee this area and the area staff.

Chris and I spent hours discussing the area and as a result various agreements are currently being put into place...

Uppermost:

The field will be worked on as from next week.

This is with the Developers accepting their obligation which otherwise would have cost BCC in the region of £30,000 to regrade the land and reseed. It will of course be a while until the new grass is strong enough for football playing but the process is most certainly starting.

Furthermore:

Benches will be provided to the Common below the Ardagh Site.

Initially removed due to Anti Social Behaviour I have asked Chris to locate felled logs and place them as a trial - should ASB happen they can be removed.

Should they be well used we will install approved designed benches in future: After public consultation.

The current benches have replacement slats stored ready to be installed - this work is long outstanding and Chris will now prioritise the refurbishment of the benches, sanding, replacing slats and preserving the wood and metal stands to their former glory.

The knee rails along the road to the Ardagh will be repaired.

4,000 Daffodill bulbs will be delivered for community planting year on year for the next 3 years.

Football posts will be reinstated, consultation will be made to determine whether they will be Junior or Senior sized.

Once installed from the season 2012/13 onwards the pitch will be marked out by BCC weekly for football.

Encouragement and support from BCC will be given to introduce a local youth football team into league status with FA Coaching Skill training, kit and insurances freely provided from £5,000 funding secured by Cllr Ann.

Signage for the Horfield Common - Tow Away scheme will be recontract is due to be signed.

Signage to advise cyclists to proceed with caution/consideration will be installed at entrances/exits to the Ardagh Common Sites. Consultation on further needs such as rumble strips - whilst considering our disabled resident's comfort will be considered.

Long Term:

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Consideration of a pathway linking the Ardagh car park to the path from Kellaway Avenue to Hughendon Rd will be considered ahead of consultation and planning permission being considered.

This is a frequent request but would need considerable consultation as it effects Common Land. The process can take a couple of years or more so this is simply an opportunity to find out if support is there from residents and users to start the legal process which could then be in place - should funding become available in future - NOTHING set in stone and agreed to be halted if consultation proves unpopular.

This simply is a decision to consult and if agreed locally to proceed the lengthy legal process to be able to provide should funding be achieved in years to come.

Additionally:

A notice board will be instated outside the Ardagh to advise all users, residents and passers by of every step of the above agreements, consult, inform and provide contact details for all officers involved in the upkeep of the Parks area. Telephone numbers for fly tipping, dog warden etc and Councillor contact details.

Finally:

Meanwhile I am working with BCC's John Knowlson who has agreed to fund, consult and provide around £15 -20,000 interim play equipment to the Ardagh site.

This will follow my work with John and BCC as I am the Project Executive actively involved/responsible for the sourcing of funding for the -

refurbishment of Poet's Park in Upper Horfield - almost completed. We launch on September 11th.

refurbishment of Manor Farm Park - completed next week. We launch on August 8th.

refurbishment and relocation of Horfield Common Park - Dorian Rd. Due October 2011.

Along with similar consideration for interim play equipment to the Monks Park Open Space where I have a site visit to start consultation on Monday 1st August.

Representing around half a million pound of investment to Horfield in park play equipment - since I was elected in 2009.

I am happy to be told different but I think you will find this is unique in our ward.

I have no intention of seeing anything less than the above achieved.

I have no intention of waiting any longer than is now reasonable !

I hope you can welcome the above information.

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Whilst we have been very disappointed with the developer of Concorde Lodge failing to carry out planned works in a reasonable timescale and fashion. I would hope to assure you that BCC Parks Department's most senior officers have pulled out all the stops this week to address the issue and to rectify it. Along with prioritising outstanding works and new agreements.

Have a long and enjoyable Summer - Where ever you stroll, play and enjoy.

With kindest regards  
Cheryl.

p.s. If you would like to see designs of Horfield's newest/refurbished parks or any additional details of their launches please do get in touch. Of course on any other matter too ~ Cheryl.

Do please inform me by return or telephone if you have preferred for me NOT to have contacted you ~ And accept my sincere apologies.

Cllr. Cheryl Ann.

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