

MILLFIELDS USERS' GROUP

Strategy Sub-Committee - July 28

'Have Your Say' session at 19 May General Meeting - Analysis of Completed Questionnaires including 31 returned to Parks Manager.

1 Questionnaires [copy attached]

- 1.1 Twelve completed questionnaires were handed in at the meeting, and a further 31 were sent to Paul Foinette subsequently. Answers to the questions were as follows;

Old Park Lodge renovated as ranger base with meeting rooms and café?	YES 37	NO 4
Tennis/basketball courts upgraded to MUGA?	YES 20	NO 15
Playground toilets upgraded to Sports changing rooms and toilets	YES 36	NO 2
Restore old Paddling Pool	YES 29	NO 7
Convert to Skateboard Area	YES 12	NO 25
Rebuild Bandstand	YES 22	NO 17

[NB. Some in favour of summer concerts but not of rebuilding Bandstand]

Community Orchard of traditional fruit trees	YES 37	NO 5
Open a Café/Tearoom	YES 39	NO 0
Need for dog toilet area(s)	YES 27	NO 10
Reopen Public Toilets	YES 28	NO 6

1.2 Priority Ranking on Questionnaires

Members were asked to nominate up to five priorities from the above list of options. Priority votes in order of preference are listed below;

Park Lodge Renovation	27
Café/Tearoom	27
Community Orchard	24
Dog Toilet Area	16
Reopen Public Toilets	15

Renovate Paddling Pool	14
Play Area Toilet Conversion	12
Skateboard Area	8
MUGA	7
Bandstand	3

2 'More Ideas and Comments'

- 2.1 Thirtyfive of the completed questionnaires had comments in the ' More Ideas or Comments' box on the reverse side.
- 2.2 A significant additional issue arising from the 31 returned to Paul Foinette was a 'write in vote' for allocating space in the Park Lodge to the Happitimes Playgroup, run by local parents which is seeking new premises. There were 15 requests for this to be considered. Clearly this is a lobby from parents involved, but raises a genuine local need. They are "happy to fundraise".
- 2.3 Requests and issues mentioned more than once included;
- improving pedestrian crossing facilities across the Lea Bridge Road [footbridge, 'green bridge', better phasing of traffic lights.
 - boules court, concrete table tennis table (as in London Fields), adventure playground; children's playground on S. side.
 - annual Summer Festival
 - dog fouling needs to be addressed
- 2.4 The following additional suggestions were made on the forms;
- Bicycle hire centre in Millfields; 'trim trails' on S Millfields (like Springfield); five-a- side with floodlighting on N side; support and improve basketball courts; more variety in tree selection round EDF site; involve Mandeville Primary in orchard planting; restored Park Lodge would be 'nerve-centre' with café and toilets; funding for arts, music, sports; "a public art space' would be wonderful addition" - art project on playground, or statue/sculpture, or gallery space for local artists in the café; encourage groups to use Millfields; 'creche' for User Group meetings; children's water feature (splashpad); local nature information centre; mini City Farm (chickens, a pig?) linked to café and nature centre; community vegetable garden or allotments; signs to warn of prosecution for damaging trees or killing swans; website with links to other User Groups and websites, eg .www.lcc.org.uk and www.games.monitor.org.uk.
- 1.5 Offer of Help
- Andrew Kraft, who suggested regular arts, music, sports events, also offered to write some small bids for funding for these activities.

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Questionnaire on ideas for future developments on Millfields

A number of ideas for new and revived features have been put to the User Group Committee.

This questionnaire seeks your views on these ideas, as part of a broader programme of information to, and consultation with, local residents and users of the Millfields green space.

PLEASE TICK EITHER THE 'YES' OR 'NO' BOX AGAINST EACH ITEM, THEN LIST YOUR TOP FIVE PRIORITIES (1-5) IN THE 'PRIORITY' COLUMN.

	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Priority</i>
The Old Park Lodge should be renovated as a ranger base, with community meeting rooms and perhaps a cafe.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The tennis/basketball courts should be upgraded to a multi-use games area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The disabled toilets in the children's playground should be re-opened as sports changing rooms and toilets for young people's football.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The old paddling pool should be brought back into use.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The old paddling pool should be converted to a skateboard area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The former bandstand on South Millfields should be rebuilt.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We should plant a new community orchard of traditional fruit trees on part of Millfields.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We should open a cafe/tea room on Millfields.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We need a dog toilet area on Millfields.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
We should re-open public toilets on Millfields.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

More ideas or comments

If you have any other ideas, or wish to comment further on the ideas overleaf, please use the space below.

Name:.....
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Contact address or telephone number (if you wish):.....