

MILLFIELDS USERS GROUP Minutes 15/9/15

Present: Harry Hewat, Bhavesh Hindocha, Helen Morris, Sam Parry (Parks)

Apologies: everyone else

1. Discussed North London Waste plant proposal, but weren't sure if it affected us round the park directly. Will keep a watch on it – particularly if there is increased use of Millfields Road site.
2. Discussed the junction of Millfields / Chatsworth / Powerscroft Road which we agree presents dangers to pedestrians and cyclists. Harry to check Chatsworth Road neighbourhood plan and Hackney Cyclists plan to see if we can push for a review.
3. Discussed how to spend the £75k in the Parks budget for Millfields. Sam outlined some of the essential works – repairing railings for instance – and the money that left for new park furniture – bins and benches. He presented some options and costs. Our preference is Barcelona style modern benches. They are more expensive, but better looking and higher quality we felt. If budget does not allow, second option was a cheaper copy of the Barcelona style. Sam to come back to us on this.
4. There was a large, noisy music event on North Millfields on August bank holiday. We may have missed the event consultation due to old emails being used – this should be corrected now through Sam & Nick Thompson. If the event is on next year, we'll consult and hopefully address the noise and size issues.
5. Park Lodge – Sam said the next stage for the council was to get legal advice on the possible uses within the conditions – use ancillary to the park. They would also do a survey to determine the condition of the building. We repeated we'd like to visit the building. It's going to take some time said Sam.
6. The path in North Millfields is nearly finished. Sam said the paddling pool refurbishment (to a social space, not pool) should be under way and finished in about a month.
6. MUG Accounts – looking for a volunteer to be a third signatory with Bhavesh and Carrie. Anyone?
7. MUG gazebo – parks cannot help store it. Can anyone else?

Next Meeting 20 October 7pm in Park Rangers office

Bhavesh