

Appendix 3

1, Meeting between Ward Cllrs, WDC Officers and WTC representatives. 12/12/14

Present: Cllr Moira-Ann Grainger WTC & WDC Cllr Mandy Littlejohn WTC

Cllr Linda Bromley WDC

Simon Richardson

Robert Hoof

David Anderson

John Holmes

Martin Stacey

Trudy Ashmore

Notes specific to meadow areas: 20) Big debate about types of wild flowers and die back which looks unsightly some discussion about maintenance of Park overall. General consensus yes but resistance quoted also. Suggestion to put flowers over onto Myton Field side.

Notes provided by Trudy Ashmore (assistant town clerk Warwick Town Council)

2, Notes from meeting with Warwick Town Council Community and Culture. 27/1/15

“.....the wild flower meadow was agreed in principal but not at the outlined location and further discussions were to take place. The Town Council recommended that further consultation should be taken via Warwick Community Forum, with an invitation to be extended to community groups including the Friends of St. Nicholas Park.”

3, Notes from Warwick Community Forum. 5/3/15

Warwick District Council, Simon Richardson – update on proposed improvements to parks and open spaces in Warwick.

Issues raised:

- Wild flower meadow and railings are waiting for more feedback from residents and councillors
- Are there any plans to replace trees in Priory Park? Warwick District Council has got money for tree replanting trees working with WCC Tony Hemming
- The bins are never collected/emptied
- There is only one bench in certain areas of the park
- When will Priory Park benefit in terms of the bin and bench renewal programme

4, Meeting with Friends of St Nicholas Park.

Present: Simon Richardson, David Anderson, Jon Holmes (arrived late), Friends Management Committee and observers

Notes: 20. Grass meadow alongside river footpath. Much discussion on this as highly contentious – object against siting of this as there are far more suitable locations within

park – e.g. various areas in Myton Fields “vast unkempt eyesores” which would thereby be vastly improved, also eastern end in place of brambles. Totally in favour of wild flower meadows but only in appropriate places. Location proposed would intrude on the open green space which is currently available, and very well used, by park users for family use, i.e. picnicing, children playing, dog-walking etc. This area is absolutely packed in summer and especially during Bank Holidays when the park is full to capacity and the green space is fully utilised. There is a rich wildlife corridor all along the other side of the river up to the Castle already and it is not seen that there is a need for one on this side which provides open views to the river.

Fully in favour of encouraging insects and other wildlife but the park and river do not reflect that decline as there are enormous areas from our park to Leamington all along the river corridor that provide ideal habitats (see 21.). This is evidenced by the plethora of wildlife of all kinds, including a huge diversity of birds, even snakes and muntjac deer. There are 14 species of butterfly in the Kingfisher Pools area which is heaving with wildlife! This would be an ideal location for a meadow. WDC are certainly doing their bit already for ecology and it must be remembered that our **family** park is first and foremost for **people** and has been provided for **their** enjoyment. This location chosen is the most utilised green space in the park.

Also pointed out that marquees and other paraphernalia are set out in the area proposed when the regattas are taking place in the park.

All the management committee were opposed to the location proposed.

Follow On Emails:

Simon Richardson 27/5/15

20, The meadow area, I thought we reached a compromise for the meadow area, in that we would put on in but not to the extent as originally proposed, I thought we had agreed it would end where the no.20 is on the plan, we are fully aware it is a family park and want to add to the experience of being there and giving another dimension to the park.

Linda Bromley 2/6/15

Dear Simon,

When I have had time to tie your responses up with the notes of our meeting, I shall come back to you. Re no. 20, the majority vote was against this meadow on this side of the river as we wanted to see it on the Myton side. However we compromised by agreeing to look at it when you have put one in on a trial basis - along the outside of the spinney (but only a narrow area) up to 20 on the plan. This is with the proviso that the area will not be dug up or cordoned off (which you confirmed will not happen).

Linda