

Update on West Park Fields

following meeting with Parks Dept 3rd Sept

Landscaping around West Park Grange

The metal fence near the Changing Rooms off the North Parade entrance is to be removed and the grassed area to be maintained as part of the Fields by Parks Dept. New footpath link to the housing site already in place.

The area between the new houses and the Changing Rooms to be further landscaped with planting – details awaited.

A gap is to be provided in the post and rail fence at the end of the housing cul-de-sac for pedestrian access to the fields.

The existing gap in the post and rail fence on Spen Lane to be moved slightly south to avoid the trees. Consideration to be given to the siting of an information board.

The 'wildflower bed' to be re-sown in the spring.

The issue of car parking on the grass when football matches are held was raised.

The issue of graffiti on the changing rooms was also raised.

Children's Play Area

The Parks Dept confirmed that £31,997 had been received from the housing scheme towards the provision of a play area.

To be located near Spen Lane between West Park Grange and Spen Croft.

The type of provision to be considered in conjunction with the availability of other funding including contributions from Kirkstall Ward.

A preference to use 'natural' materials for play equipment was expressed.

The Orchard (Kepstorn Road entrance)

The Parks Dept agreed to a further 12 fruit tree and 18 hedgerow plants being put in by residents. Also agreed to deliver mulch and to mow the orchard (now done).

It was noted that there was a need to relay the gravel path to the seat.

Other Issues in the Fields

The treatment of the old concrete base near the housing site was raised.

Attention was drawn to the 'boggy' dip between the playing fields and the 'hay meadow'. Could be filled or some planks provided?

The wooden 'platform' constructed in a tree in the hedgerow near Northolme Crescent and the cut down branches to be removed by the Parks Dept.

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