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Finham Brook Working Group

1. The WG met on 12th February. Present: Cllrs Mark Stevens, Alix Dearing and James Kennedy and County Councillor Tracey Drew. From the community: Toby Arnold, Fern Arnold, Sheila Franks, Sue Law, Nick Booker, Jon Holmes and Louise Griew.

2. Proposals (details below):

   2.1 To spend up to £1,500 from the Working Groups budget to support **bridge naming**
   2.2 To spend up to £750 on a new Finham Brook **walking trail**.

   Delegate to the Working Group to approve designs for both the signs and the trail once these have been completed.

3. **Water testing** Both May Lau and Kenilworth Allotments Tenants Association have already registered with for Freshwater Watch membership. It was agreed that there was little point in making a separate application on behalf of the Town Council for the time being. We asked that Louise Girew (on behalf of KATG), Sheila Franks (on behalf of KATA) and May Lau should join forces and agree how to coordinate what they are all doing. If collectively they feel it would be useful to have the Town Council act as an umbrella for this activity, and if any funding is needed, we would be happy to consider this. We would also be very happy to publicise and promote the work you are all doing.

4. **Himalayan Balsam.** WG members have drafted a strategy with the aim of having it agreed with partners in April. It is likely to be a five year project with the first activities in June as the Himalayan Balsam starts coming up.

5. **Restricting access to the Brook on certain stretches.** WDC have confirmed this is in the Abbey Fields management plan. Aspiration is to complete some sections this year in conjunction with the completion of the new swimming pools.

6. **Dog flea medicine.** Complex situation. First steps to build public awareness including (see 5) preventing dogs accessing the Brook on certain stretches.

7. **Publicity / launch event.** Aim for a May date to launch the trail and for at least some of the bridge signs to be commissioned. Press release, social media and possible newsletter.

Finham Brook Bridge naming

Baseline:

- There are 12 bridges that span Finham Brook through Kenilworth
  - 4 are road bridges which we currently assume are owned by WCC but this is awaiting confirmation.

    - 7 are footbridges 5 of which we are currently assuming are owned by WDC and 2 are owned by KATA and sit within the Oddibourne Allotments, and one is privately owned by Purlieu Lane Residents.
- The bridges are of varying types so an initial survey will need to be undertaken by the sign supplier to determine how signs can be fastened to the bridges.
- A quote for production and installation has been provided by IS Group who provided and installed the Wayfinding signs.
- A breakdown of the cost is as follows (for 500mm x300mm sign):
    - Artwork - £70.00
    - Production of 13 signs, one bridge to have 2 signs - £198.00 (£18 each)
    - Site Survey – for dimensions, access and installation methods. - £314.00
    - Installation - £710.00
- Total cost - £1,292.00
- IS Group have confirmed that if they get the sign-off by beginning of April they could install in May.
- An alternative is to get the signs provided by IS Group but undertake installation locally. Cost for production would be £268.00 as above but also a £25.00 delivery fee for the signs. We would then have to get local quotes for survey and installation. It may be something that WDC or WCC could undertake for a cost.

Next Steps

- Confirm ownership of bridges and understand what permissions are required.
- Design Sign with Black Spiral
- Investigate if survey and installation could be completed by WDC or WCC.
- Request for Budget allocation from Town Council.

Finham Brook Trail

Cllr Dearing has started the process of mapping a walking and wheeling route along the length of Finham Brook, within Kenilworth. The text of the trail is being completed on the Trail Template provided by James Turner of Black Spiral, who has developed the current suite of Trails.

James Turner has provided a quote to design a web version of the trail and separately a printed version as follows:

1. Addition of trail content to website:

Assuming everything is spell checked and comes in the right format (as per the template) then:

Addition of content: 3 hours
Cropping/amending images: 1 hour
Revisions and amendments: 0.5 hours
Total: £202.50

2. Creation of the trail as a print leaflet

Again, assuming everything is ready to go:

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Create a new colour/style that matches with existing VK materials (1 hour)
Create map for the new trail (3 hours)
Layout text and images (4 hours)
Amends and revisions (1 hours)
Finalise and print ready production (2 hours)
Total: £495

Next Steps

- Cllr Dearing to complete the text for each of the bridge sections on the template
- Cllr Kennedy to review with input from Sue Law for links to be added to the Trail.
- Geolocation co-ordinates to be added
- Any specific photos to the area to be taken for inclusion. Heritage and general nature photos are held or can be sourced by Black Spiral.