

Broomfield Park – a Friends’ framework for park improvements

1. Introduction

- a. At the last Friends’ Open meeting on 20th February 2013, a number of project ideas were raised and discussed. These included an outdoor table tennis table, a children’s maze and uses of the Bowling Green and clubhouse since the Southgate Bowling Club will cease to exist later this year. It was suggested that rather than treating each idea in isolation, a strategy should be formed whereby projects can then be proposed, approved and executed to fit in with the ongoing development of the Park in consultation with the Parks department of the Council.
- b. This document, although it does not claim to be a full blown strategy, aims to create a framework of the Park’s existing features and facilities and to facilitate the ongoing development from the Community’s perspective and in support of the Council’s own strategic development for Parks and Open Spaces.

2. Objectives

- a. There are three objectives;
 - i. wide agreement from Friends about the framework and proposal that all Friends/volunteer instigated projects have to be in tune with all other Park work in progress and,
 - ii. by having this process in place, to maximise support from the Council and other funding sources when applying for grants.
 - iii. All Park projects should be presented to and approved by the FoBP Committee thus making sure a most efficient process is maintained. Ultimately this will help make best use of Council’s resources in line with the Partnership Agreement recently signed.

3. Benefits

- a. Having a framework that is widely understood (by Friends and Council), will help deliver projects as efficiently as possible. It should encourage volunteers to submit ideas in the knowledge that there is a proper process to consider and judge the relevance and benefit to the park and its users.

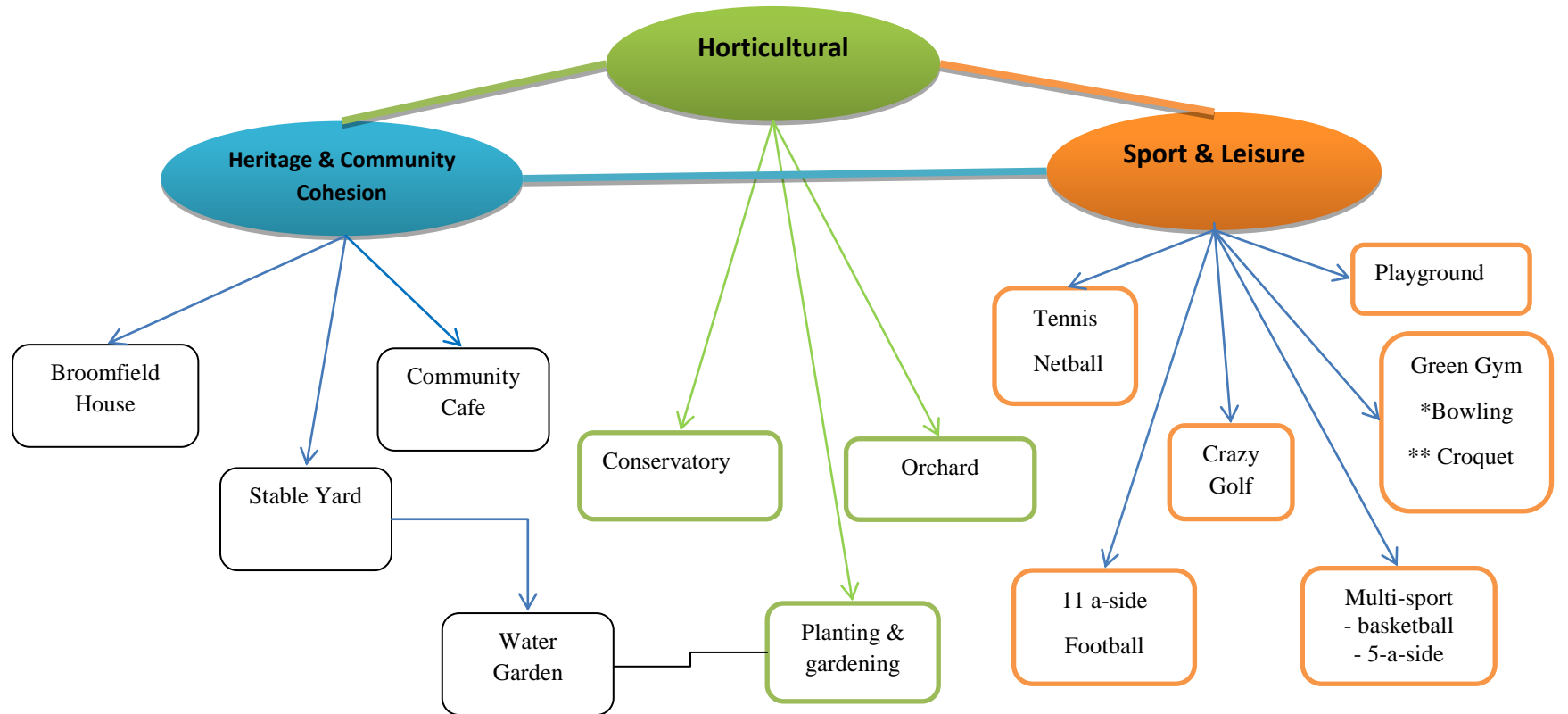
4. Park maintenance

- a. In proposing this framework and process it is important to state that it does not contradict or oppose any of the Council’s strategies for Parks and Open Spaces. It should exist alongside the Friends Partnership Agreement and whereas the Parks department are mainly responsible for park maintenance, the Friends can complement this with enhancement projects.

5. Ongoing management of this framework

- a. This is a “living” document which should be reviewed annually, just before the AGM. It should be kept up-to-date as new projects come on stream and approved by the FoBP Committee at their quarterly meetings, so the annual review does not become a cumbersome exercise.

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This strategic overview uses three themes of work under which a number of projects can be defined and managed. This ensures a holistic approach so whichever group undertakes the work it should fit within this framework. The aim is to avoid unproductive competition for funding between projects, whilst everyone is aware of the proposed work. The table below summarises the projects and by colour coding the Heading they are then linked to one of the three themes above.

*Under review
**proposed

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Project Heading	Coordinator	Description	Estimated cost	Target completion date
Restoration of BH and murals	Colin Younger	Restoration of the House to reveal heritage value and provide community benefits as a learning/meeting place. A joint project between the Council and the Working Group drawn from FoBP and TBHT	£6.7M	2016
Restoration of Stable Yard	Working Group to nominate lead	Restoration of historic parts of the Stable Yard to enable arts & crafts as well as educational and recreation facilities to be developed.	Study not yet undertaken	
Water Garden & Park	Ivor Evans	Restoration and improvements to Baroque Water garden and Park. To be linked with Stable Yard project with a Parks for People grant request.	Study not yet undertaken	
Community Cafe	Sarah Cotton (Palmers Greenery)	To provide healthy and affordable refreshments and snacks, run by volunteers with any surplus profit to be used for the park.	£33K from LBE RPF	Autumn 2013
Conservatory fence	Elizabeth Dobbie			
Conservatory window winders	Elizabeth Dobbie			
Orchard Secure shed	David March			
Orchard beehives	Ivor Evans			
Netball Courts surface	Maria Mitchell	Improve playing surface.		
Netball/tennis courts floodlights	Maria Mitchell			
Bowling Clubhouse mods for NLNL	Maria Mitchell			
Bowling Green Lawn usage - agreement	Sarah Cotton			
Bird signage lectern	Sue Younger Tony Elliott			
Scented garden maintenance	June Dawes Joy Foo			

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Dipali Garden maintenance	Mark Shenker			
Ladybird Children’s Maze	Romy Batiste	Aimed for children ages 2-5	Grant from the Palmers Green Festival Committee c.£1200	
Signage for plants and trees	Tony Elliott			
Outdoor Table Tennis	Laki Marangos	Acquire and install a robust outdoor table tennis table. Will require suitable base.	£1,500 - £2,000	
Outdoor Chess	Tony Elliott			
Re-instate the cycling track	Derek Honnor (TBA)			
Vegetable Garden	David March			
Re-instate the athletics running track	FoBP Committee to assign			
Conservatory shed	Elizabeth Dobbie Derek Spencer	Storage facility	£5900 from LBE RPF if approved	
Conservatory visitors bench inside	Elizabeth Dobbie Derek Spencer		Included above	
Conservatory large pots	Elizabeth Dobbie Derek Spencer		Included above	
Conservatory Notice Board	Elizabeth Dobbie Derek Spencer		Included above	
Conservatory ceiling fans	Elizabeth Dobbie Derek Spencer		Included above	
Wildlife pond project	Ivor Evans			
Establish a wild flower meadow	Ivor Evans			