



14th August 2025

Greenfields Community Group Committee Meeting

Apologies: Jamie Blackwell **Attending:** Colin Harper, Tony Smith, Pippa Gimbert, Lin Carding, Fay Easton

As outlined in the *Annual Report 2025*, despite significant volunteer effort, extensive public consultation, and successful grant applications, over the past two and a half years, Greenfields Community Group (GCG) has been unable to deliver any of the proposed park improvement projects and funding has been returned with all arrangements cancelled. This failure has been due to the persistent inefficiencies and obstructive practices by the landowners, Shrewsbury Town Council (STC).

I have served as Chair of GCG for the past two years and as regularly reported, these years have been frustrating. Thousands of hours have been invested in developing project proposals and securing funding, yet every initiative has been either refused or ignored by the Council. Personally, I have never worked so hard for so long with so little outcome. I should also note that I have never encountered a public sector official as consistently obstructive and unhelpful as Helen Ball.

The lack of visible progress for over two years has undermined GCG's credibility within the wider community and the Committee cannot continue to hold dormant funds while the mission remains unfulfilled. We have agreed to deliver the items below, of which only one** needs council approval, there is a target of 6 weeks to deliver the park enhancements listed below, with a target date of 30th September for completion.

Greenfields Community Group will then organise Final Accounts, update the website and wind-up activity. **The website will stay online as a record of GCG achievements**

Funds in Hand

The Committee agreed the allocation of funds in hand to enhancements to the park as below, with the main principle being to need as little support as possible from STC, the local councillor will be asked to assist in securing council permission for the item marked **

- ****Park Benches with attached tables located in the restored land with engraved plaques re the community effort over the years of 'saving the park' from housebuilding and Park Benches in the main park on the 2 bases existing**
- **Park Nature Trail and Wildlife Conservation Zones with Information Signage and survey for publication, by Shropshire Wildlife Trust**
- **Defibrillator plus running costs and annual maintenance located within the car park of the Bowling Club**
- **Publication of final e-brochure re the circumstances around the culmination of GCG and the delivery of park community improvements sent to all community members registered-on website (c75)**
- **Fencing to gaps in fencing around bowling club boundary**
- **Wooden etched sign re community saving the park fixed to new bowling club fence**



- **Community Event (free to attend) Choir Evening**
- **Final Accounts**



Greenfields Community

**Saved the park from
housebuilding 2017 - 2023**