

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 5th July 2017 6pm at the REconomy Centre

PRESENT: David Mitchell (Chair), Shirley Prendergast, Frances Gillmore, David Martin, Jim Carfrae, Marisia Willoughby

1. APOLOGIES: Lu Overy, Marsha Cummings, Jeannette Willington

2. MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting of the 10th May and the AGM on 7th June 2017 were approved.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

None.

4. THE SANDPIT

Shirley reported that she had found the sandpit uncovered in the late afternoon a few times over the last month or so and that maybe we need another notice to remind people about the need to cover the sandpit as they are leaving the garden. It was agreed that we should try and keep a record of how often this happens – David M agreed to keep a watch and ask those responsible for closing the gate in the evenings to do so too. We'll review the situation at the next meeting.

Action: David to keep watch

5. THE UPDATED SOLAR PUMPING SYSTEM

Since the last meeting Guy Metcalfe had installed the new solar panel, battery and control system, although it had not yet had a proper test. Dave agreed to give it a proper test the next day if all was well then we should pay Guy for the work.

Action: Dave to conduct a 1-hour test

6. QUIZ NIGHT

In Lu's absence no one was sure if a Quiz Night had been booked. Jim agreed to ask Kathy at the Bay Horse on his next visit.

Action: Jim to check with Kathy

7. FUND RAISING EVENT

After some discussion it was agreed that there was no financial justification for holding an event – plant and book sales bring in enough money (and were the main fund raisers at such events). Nor did the garden seem to need more publicity – it was now busier than ever (in part because of the immense popularity of the sand pit).

AOB:

Shirley said that there would be no plant sales for the next two months (because of the heat among other reasons). She had thanked the Littlehempston Fete which had donated its left-over plants to the LGA.

Shirley raised the issue of Japanese Knotweed which is still a serious problem in the pool area (where it's largely confined to the ground between the pool and the wall of the lane). It was agreed that we should insist the SHDC make a better job of controlling it and it was agreed that we should ask Keith to act as a go-between.

Action: Dave to contact Keith

David M queried exactly what tasks SHDC was supposed to carry out on a regular basis in addition to cutting the lawn and conducting safety assessments. It was agreed to ask Keith to come to a meeting in the garden to discuss the matter and to get him to draw up a schedule of tasks that would be needed over the next six months.

Action: Dave to contact Keith

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Committee will be on Wednesday 16th August 2017 at the ReEconomy building.

Action: Dave to reserve room (**DONE**)