

**MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION MEETING
Tuesday 7th April 2009 7.00pm Birdwood House**

PRESENT: Mark Chapman (Chair) Shirley Prendergast (Deputy Secretary) Ed Vidler (Treasurer) Neil Chadborn, Wendy Reid, Jeanette Willington, Jim Carfrae

APOLOGIES: Robert Vint, Alex Whish, Janet Mitchell, David Mitchell, Sue Holmes

PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES 17th March 2009
Minutes agreed

AGENDA ITEMS

1. March 27th Meeting with SHDC.

Issues arising from points/minutes as follows:

Point 4: Mark noted that some of the hard landscaping appeared to be being done already - the small gathering pool by the path behind the houses was being constructed and looked very high and deep from the path side. Need to check whether this is correct according to the plans and what landscaping will be done around it. **Action: Mark will investigate**

Point 8: Noted need for LGA to affiliate with BVCV for insurance and other purposes. **Action: Confer with Sue as to contact/ address for letter to BVCV.**

Point 9: **Action: Mark will email Ross/Alex to confirm that following actions have been taken: request to Exeter Archaeology sent off; SLA models being sent to LGA; soft copies of details of contract work being sent to LGA**

Point 12: Although any media announcement would be unwise until more is certain about starting date for work on the garden, it was felt that the LGA should let *members and supporters of the LGA* know what is happening.
Action: Mark and Sue

General Point: These minutes now stand as an agreed record of the meeting with SHDC on March 27th

2. It was agreed that LGA should seek further meeting with SHDC to examine the outstanding contract/quote which should be available by in the next week. The issue of dealing with pernicious weeds should also be on the agenda Agreed possible date for meeting Tuesday May 12th, at Mark's house, concluding before 1pm.. **Action: Shirley/Mark**

3. Implications for Timetable etc. Deferred as we needed the information in (2) above before we can make any future plans.

4. The LGA would consider some form of co-ordinating (not monitoring) role regarding other sites in the Southern Area named by Ross, and requested that Ross let us know what groups and individuals are already interested or involved. It was felt

that membership of the LGA might have to be increased to do this effectively.

Action: Mark

5. Moorashes open space: LGA willing to be involved, but see Item 4) above.

6. Pooh Corner. The LGA welcomed the Wakefield Trust's funding for the site. The LGA knew little about their plans and noted that the Wakefield Trust had a different approach to consultation compared to that used by DOS. Following extensive discussion, it was felt that, it was beyond our capacity and not in our interests to play a 'holding role' between the Trust and the community as suggested by Sue.

7. We are waiting for SHDC to send models of SLAs/MOAs as agreed on March 27th (see item 1.9 above)

8. AOB:

a. Jeanette is looking after the membership/interest list which needs to be put on line and checked. **Action: Jeanette/Dave**

b. Neil noted that he had been in contact with the herbalist Frances Wright (?) who looked after community herb garden in Littlehempston and who was interested in being involved in the Leechwell Garden.

c. Shirley noted that Pruw Boswell and Dave Mitchell were joining her to forward plans for repairs to the pool in a shared grant application with the Leechwell. She had also contacted the two local archaeologists and the EH Field Warden who had previously advised DOS on the Immersion pool.

Action: Shirley

d. Ed noted that the DOS cheque had been received so anybody with outstanding LGA expenses should contact him now.

9. Date of next meeting to be agreed after the meeting with SHDC on May 12th (date not yet confirmed).