

**MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 6pm at Leechwell Cottage**

**PRESENT:** David Mitchell (Chair), Roma Church, Jeannette Willington, Sue Holmes, Lu Overy, Shirley Prendergast, David Martin, Philip Strange

**1. APOLOGIES:** Frances Gilmore, Keith Rennells, Pete Taylor

This was more of a year-end party than a formal meeting of the LGA Committee, but some matters were briefly discussed.

**2. WILDLIFE IN THE GARDEN**

Philip reported that on further investigation it appeared that the bee house had not been vandalised by humans but attacked by birds – either woodpeckers (which have been seen in the garden of Leechwell Cottage lately) or by corvids (jackdaws or crows). It was agreed we should create a replacement in the spring with some sort of protection against birds.

**3. POOL AREA ARCHAEOLOGY**

Dave reminded the committee that Steve Reed (Devon County Archaeological Adviser for the South Hams area) would be visiting the garden on 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**4. PATH REPAIR**

As can be seen from Keith's report below, this has been postponed until after the end of the school holidays (i.e. after January 5<sup>th</sup>)

**5. AOB**

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December, Keith will be moving the crab apple from the pool area into the garden.

Both Sue and Philip need keys to the gates and shed and it was agreed to remind Keith to get some from SHDC.

**Action:** Keith to contact SHDC

**NEXT MEETING:** no date has been set yet – Dave will suggest dates after Christmas.

**Note from Keith Rennells**

**POOL PROJECT**

Meadow and fence complete. Next steps will be to repair the rotted through outer fence below the pool, cut back the existing hedge a bit, plant a new hedge along the fence line so that it's not climbable. We could also put some native bulbs in the pool garden too. And then we must think about the two benches. What style, what materials? We will probably be looking to open this area late spring or early summer, once the meadow is established, at which point we can remove the old outer gate and create the new gap in the fence line.

**PATH PROJECT**

I understand Andrew may be meeting the contractor awarded the job next Monday to talk through the works, this with a view to a start early January, once the holidays are over. No further news or dates available. Worth remembering the path works also include the pool garden, so this will nicely enhance our landscaping work in that area, before the new benches go in!