

MINUTES FOR LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday 20th August 2014 6pm in the Leechwell Garden

PRESENT: David Mitchell (Chair); Shirley Prendergast; Elizabeth Warnes; David Martin; Jim Carfrae; Ed Vidler; Louise Overy; Jeanette Willington

1. APOLOGIES: Keith Rennels, Marsha Cummings

2. MINUTES: the minutes of the previous meeting held on 23rd July 2014 were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING:

Dave had spoken to Kate Wilson (chair of KEVICC governors) about the possibility of KEVICC volunteers. She said it might be possible and would speak to the staff at the beginning of next term.

Dave had met with Dan Bailey of Beka about installing a PV-powered pump to fill a water reservoir from the water flowing through the garden (see item 5).

Jim had spoke to Hester Pelley, who confirmed she was the owner of the reservoir behind the well. She is happy for the work to the Well to go ahead but would like to see the Scheduled Monument Consent submission before we send it off.

Little has happened with regard to the Eucalypt play structure – the SDHC inspector is concerned with the rate of deterioration.

It was reluctantly agreed that we will have to continue insuring the various items until the 5 year term of the Community Spaces grant is up next summer.

4. SHDC UPDATE:

Keith would like to move forward with the sign (see item 6). He also mentioned that the annual cut and rake of the meadow areas would take place in September and it would be good if volunteers took part as they had last time. It was agreed that Lu should contact Keith to get the date. **Action: Lu**

5. WATER SUPPLY IN THE GARDEN:

Dave outlined the discussion he had had with Dan Bailey. It was felt that the 'roof' of the pergola was not the best place for the PV panels. The area just outside the pool area where the hazel is was felt a good place to put the reservoir and if the hazel were cut back, might also get enough sun to power the pump. It was agreed to meet with Dan in the garden when he had details of what size pump and PV panels would be needed so we could discuss siting.

6. NEW SIGNS:

Dave showed his quick mock-ups of the new signs (see attached). After looking at the size and position of the existing signs it was agreed that we needed:

- a modified version of the A2 (landscape) sign with the 'prohibition' icons removed
- an A3 (portrait) sign beside it with the 'prohibition' icons and some wording
- **two** sets of smaller versions of both signs – one for the gate in the lane and one to go at the new entrance from St Katherine's Way when that is opened.

Dave will email Keith with the suggested new signs – it was agreed that SHDC should use their existing fonts, lettering, colours, icons etc. **Action: Dave**

7. OFFER OF A SHED

We met with Liz's new neighbour, Greg, to look at the shed they were planning to get rid of. After some discussion it was agreed that it was not only too large to use for the water pump system, but would not be very useful elsewhere in the garden (too big and expensive to install. Greg was thanked for his kind offer.

9. AOB

None to report.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Association will be on Wednesday 17th September at 6pm in the garden if it is fine, if not, in the Fire Station.