

# LEECHWELL GARDEN ASSOCIATION - POOL PROJECT

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2013 at Totnes Fire Station.

**1. Present;** David Mitchell; Roma Church; Shirley Prendergast; David Martin; Liz Warnes; Susan Taylor; Jeannette Willington

**Apologies:** Jim Carfrae; Catherine Munro; Keith Rennells;

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting:** the minutes of the last Pool Group meeting (held on 5<sup>th</sup> February 2013) were agreed.

### **3. Matters Arising**

Keith has indicated that dealing with the knotweed requires special equipment for stem injection and that August is the best time to do it. It appears we might be able to borrow it from group in Diptford (or from Dartington?). Shirley and Susan will mark the 7 or so affected areas with canes.

### **4. Progress to Date):**

Shirley and Jim had met at the pool with Andrew Rathbone (of Rathbone Associates). He has all the necessary accreditations to draw up plans to submit to English Heritage and has agreed to help us on an expenses basis. Dave has given him John Clipson's report, drawings and photographs, and Andrew will be producing (at least) 4 drawings:

1. one showing the excavation necessary to re-route the pipe bringing water to the pool so it enters over the middle of the back wall
2. one of the new rear wall itself
3. one of the pattern of lay of stone around the pool (both the existing stone and any new/replacement stone)
4. one of the changes to the sump/outflow that will lower the water level in the pool by 75mm (to reduce leakage and ensure that the water coming into the pool splashes nicely on the slate below the rear wall

When Andrew has done these drawings we plan to meet with him and Richard Gage at SHDC to get formal permission to proceed. It was agreed that we should inform Andrew of the date of the Spring Celebration (19<sup>th</sup> May) so that his drawings could be on show there. **Action: Dave**

### **5. Possible Spouts for the Pool:**

David Martin showed the two commercial spout/pipe designs he had located. It was agreed that though they had the right dimensions, neither was quite what was needed. It was agreed that we would see if (a) suitable spouts could be located at nearby Garden Centres and (b) to ask local potters (Colin Kellam and perhaps Fran Benatt) if they could produce one.

David Martin agreed to produce some simple drawings of a spout.

**Action: Shirley, David**

### **6. Costs of Landscaping, Seating and Planting**

After some discussion it was agreed that we should have a site visit to progress this. The plan is to meet with Sebastian Kelly (who did the work on the new steps in the garden that lead down to Heathway) to finalise details and obtain estimates for the hard landscaping shown on the draft design) some time in the week of April 8<sup>th</sup>. Dave will contact Sebastian to fix a date. Jeannette agreed to look at costing the new trees (apart from the Glastonbury Thorn and Flowering Cherry, which are being donated).

It was also agreed that members would identify possible informal benches to be considered at the next meeting. **Action: Dave, Jeannette**

### **7. AOB**

Nothing to report.

### **NEXT MEETING:**

**6pm, Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Totnes Fire Station (Pool Project Meeting)**

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**Leechwell Garden Pool**  
**2a** Draft design and planting plan.  
 Based on outcomes of previous consultation.  
 SP/JCW January 2013

<b>Hard Surfaces</b> Pool edges: stone Path and seat area: hoggin bark Shallow steps to pool: timber and bark Benches: timber New water outlet: to be decided.	<b>Rough Grass</b> Underplant: English bluebells, primroses, michaelmas daisies etc. Strim 2x pa.	<b>Shrubby Cover</b> Buddleia, fuschia, cornus, elder etc. Underplant: bluebells, foxgloves. Cut back 2x pa.	<b>Dense Ground Cover</b> Ferns, hellebore, ivy, wild strawberry etc. Underplant: cyclamen, snowdrops, fritillaries etc. Thorny wild roses along wall. Weed as needed.	<b>Hedge/fence</b>	<b>Existing pipeline and outlet</b>	<b>Proposed pipeline and outlet</b>	<b>25.5 LEVEL</b>
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<b>Trees</b>	Existing Magnolia Cobnut Hazel Apple	New Crabapple (Yellow Hornet?) Winter Flowering Cherry Hawthorn (Glastonbury Thorn?) Small Birch x 3 (Betula medwedewii?)	Hedge (already planted)
			Native species, wildlife friendly mixture: Green Beech, Blackthorn, Elder, Guelder Rose, Hazel, Green and Silver Holly, field Maple, Evergreen and English Oak, Wild Privet, Quickthorn, Dog Rose, Sweet Briar.

Leechwell Garden  
 Immersion Pool Area  
 As surveyed 9/8/2012  
 Dave Mitchell/Jim Carfrae

PRIORITY: what is needed for SMC for Leechwell Pool Garden. (SP 1.2.13)	Already done	To complete for SMC- *for LGA to decide ** who will co-ordinate?	WHAT NEXT? Obtain costing /quotes for FUNDRAISING etc
1.Advice/input of SHDC as landowner. SHDC consent for LGA application.	Richard Gage/Keith contacted by letter 24.1.13		
2.Detailed drawings of: <i>a.Lower water outlet by 75mm</i> <i>b.Move water entry to centre back</i> <i>c.Pattern of lay surrounding stone pool edge 500mm wide, wider standing area at bottom edge.</i>		**Who do we approach to do 3 technical drawings? Who in LGA will co-ordinate this?	Finalise detail according to EH feedback.
3.Identify conservation accredited contractors. Get quotes and specs: <i>Repairing pool lime render to 450mm deep + a-c as above</i> <i>Appropriate stone/render</i>	RG and others approached- one suitable name so far	**Who in LGA will co-ordinate this?	Finalise detail according to EH feedback.
4.General design of pool garden- - showing levels, location of pipe, hard standing, path, seat base, wood/bark steps	*2 <sup>nd</sup> draft for LGA agreement	Re-do if needed and check scale. **SP will re-do	Finalise detail according to EH feedback. Find contractor/quotes for path, hard standing, steps, seat base. Identify and quotes for 2 seats
5. General planting plan showing location of existing and new trees.	*2 <sup>nd</sup> draft for LGA agreement	Ditto	Finalise detail according to EH feedback. Can begin to estimate planting costs/quotes, soil preparation, planting etc.
6. Form of new water spout  EH have agreed that this can be delayed and submitted for later approval after SMC gained.	BUT delayed decision has implications for timetable and fundraising.  <b>The Pool Garden cannot be completed/open to the public without relocating water entry point and some form of new spout in place.</b>	<b>*I suggest: we apply now for SMC for a simple terracotta spout (1)</b> indicating that we will investigate and apply later for consent for Peter Randall Page spout(2).  That way (1) could be put in place without delay, to be replaced by a really exciting option (2) if EH agree/ when funds raised etc.  **Who will co-ordinate investigation of spouts 1 /2?	Continue to investigate/fundraise for PRP spout while simple pipe in place. This will not hold up completing and opening the garden.
7. Application form completed. <b>EH will respond within 42 days of submission</b>		** Shirley and Dave will co-ordinate this	<b>Successful SMC!</b> <b>SMC unsuccessful= incorporate EH feedback and resubmit!</b>